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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

2 **ON APRIL 7, 2009, BEGINS ON PAGE 119.]**

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN THIS MORNING'S MEETING IF I
7 COULD ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE TAKE THEIR SEAT. THIS MORNING,
8 OUR INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY PASTOR ROGER SONNENBERG BY OUR
9 SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IN ARCADIA, AND OUR PLEDGE WILL BE LED
10 BY OUR VERY OWN MR. SMITH FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND
11 VETERANS AFFAIRS. WOULD YOU ALL PLEASE STAND?

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13 **PASTOR ROGER SONNENBERG:** LET US PRAY. LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, ALL
14 KNOWING AND ALWAYS PRESENT LORD, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR VERY
15 PRESENCE HERE TODAY. WE THANK YOU FOR THESE SUPERVISORS WHO
16 TIRELESSLY GIVE OF THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS TO SERVE THE PEOPLE
17 OF LOS ANGELES AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS. SOLOMON OF OLD
18 PRAYED "GIVE ME WISDOM, OH, LORD, AND KNOWLEDGE THAT I MAY
19 LEAD THIS PEOPLE, FOR WHO IS ABLE TO GOVERN THIS GREAT PEOPLE
20 OF YOURS"? EVEN TODAY WE COME ASKING FOR HELP. BUT WE ASK, AS
21 WELL, WHO IS ABLE TO GOVERN THIS PEOPLE OF YOURS? WE PRAY GIVE
22 TO THESE LEADERS WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE. EMPOWER THEM TO DISCERN
23 BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG AND LEAD THEM TO DECISIONS THAT ARE
24 MORAL. GIVE THEM STRENGTH AND COURAGE. SPEAK AND DO YOUR WILL
25 THROUGH THESE MEN AND WOMEN. IN THIS WEEK CALLED HOLY WEEK FOR



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1 MANY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD DO HOLY THINGS THROUGH THESE
2 SUPERVISORS. IN HIS NAME, AMEN.

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4 **COL. JOSEPH SMITH:** PLEASE PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR
5 HEART AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.
6 [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAME CHAIR, IT'S A PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE
9 ONCE AGAIN PASTOR ROGER SONNENBERG WHO IS THE PASTOR OF MY
10 CHURCH, OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IN ARCADIA, TO LEAD US IN
11 THE OPENING PRAYER THIS MORNING. PASTOR SONNENBERG IS A
12 GRADUATE OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI WITH A
13 MASTER'S DEGREE IN PSYCHOTHERAPY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. HE
14 PASTORS A VERY LARGE CHURCH WITH THREE LARGE SERVICES ON
15 SUNDAY AT 8:00, 10:45 AND 7 P.M. HE ALSO IS A PART-TIME
16 PROFESSOR IN THE GRADUATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY PROGRAM AT
17 CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY IN STEWART, NEBRASKA AS WELL AS HAS
18 LECTURED AT CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY IN IRVINE. HE HAS AUTHORED
19 MANY ARTICLES, STUDIES AND BOOKS AND HE WRITES FOR MAGAZINES
20 AND PUBLICATIONS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. HE AND HIS WIFE
21 ROBIN, AND THEIR SON JACOB, WHO IS AN INTERN NOW LIVE IN
22 ARCADIA. SO PASTOR SONNENBERG, THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN AND
23 OPENING OUR MEETING WITH PRAYER. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** IF I COULD HAVE OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE CALL
2 THE AGENDA.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR PRO TEM, MEMBERS
5 OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 4, AGENDA
6 FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS
7 1-D AND 2-D.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY
10 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
13 AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-H THROUGH 4-H. PLEASE NOTE THAT 4-H WAS
14 ADDED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND ON ITEM 4-H, THERE'S A
15 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. SO 1-H
16 AND 3-H IS BEFORE YOU.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** 4-H IS?

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IS BEING HELD BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** AS WELL, ALL RIGHT. ON THOSE TWO ITEMS, MOVED BY
23 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF
24 THERE IS NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK
2 AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
5 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION,
6 SO ORDERED.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 17.
9 ON ITEM NO. 9, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
10 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 10-- 9. ON ITEM
11 NO. 10, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
12 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE
13 YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THOSE REMAINING ITEMS, MOVED BY
16 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF
17 THERE IS NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 12, CONSENT CALENDAR.
20 ITEMS 18 THROUGH 49. ON ITEM NO. 18, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
21 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO APRIL
22 14TH, 2009. AND THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE
23 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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25 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE WILL HOLD THAT ITEM.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 22, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
3 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 38,
4 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
5 ITEM. AND ON ITEM NO. 40, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF
6 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 45, THE SHERIFF
7 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS DEPARTMENT.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE US. MOVED BY
10 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.
11 IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION. SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 25. ORDINANCE FOR
14 INTRODUCTION, ITEM NO. 50. AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN
15 FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6,
16 SALARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE
17 ADDITION, DELETION AND/ OR CHANGING OF CERTAIN
18 CLASSIFICATIONS, A NUMBER OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN VARIOUS
19 DEPARTMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE FINDINGS OF THE CLASSIFICATION
20 STUDY.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.
23 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION,
24 SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
2 WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING
3 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NO. 51-A,
4 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
5 ITEM. AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF
6 SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
7 NO. 4.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE ARE GOING TO BEGIN THIS MORNING BY HAVING A
10 SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF OUR L.A. COUNTY STARS. THIS MORNING,
11 WE ARE HONORING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY STARS. THIS IS IN THE
12 CATEGORY TODAY OF SERVICE EXCELLENCE. WE WANT TO WELCOME DR.
13 SADINA REYNALDO, WHO HAS BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
14 FOR OVER 10 YEARS. HER EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND INCLUDES INFLUENZA
15 SURVEILLANCE AND PARTICIPATION IN MANAGEMENT TEAMS WHICH FOCUS
16 ON EMERGING DISEASES WHICH AFFECT COUNTY RESIDENTS SUCH AS
17 WEST NILE VIRUS AS WELL AS S.A.R.S. IN 2006, DR. REYNALDO,
18 JOINED THE PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PLANNING AND PREPARED ISSUES
19 WHERE SHE HAS FLOURISHED. THIS UNIT SUPPORTS NATIONALLY FUNDED
20 DIRECTIVES AND CONDUCTS NUMEROUS PREPAREDNESS AND PLANNING
21 ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS EXTENSIVE COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS.
22 IN 2008, DR. REYNALDO DESIGNED AND IMPLEMENTED OVER 20
23 WORKSHOPS ATTENDED BY OVER 500 PARTICIPANTS INCLUDING KEY
24 EMERGING-- EMERGENCY PARTNERS AS WELL AS FIRST RESPONDERS
25 THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THESE WORKSHOPS



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1 SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVE THE EMERGENCY READINESS OF CORE COUNTY
2 AGENCIES SUCH AS FIRE AND POLICE AS WELL AS HOSPITALS,
3 UTILITIES AND OUR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS. DR. REYNALDO ALSO
4 LED SEVEN WORKSHOPS TO HELP L.A. AREA SCHOOLS TO PREPARE FOR
5 AND RECOVER FROM A PANDEMIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. IN RECOGNITION
6 OF HER EXEMPLARY COUNTY SERVICE, DR. REYNALDO RECENTLY WAS
7 NAMED THE 2008 MOST OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR. THAT IS
8 PRETTY IMPRESSIVE, DR. REYNALDO. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU
9 AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR SERVICE. AND MORE
10 IMPORTANTLY FOR ALL THE WONDERFUL LEADERSHIP YOU PROVIDED.
11 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] BEFORE I ASK DR. REYNALDO TO COME
12 UP AND JOIN US, I'M GOING TO ASK DR. FIELDING TO COME UP AND
13 SAY A FEW WORDS, IF YOU WOULD.

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15 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR. WELL,
16 WHEN SADINA TALKS, EVERYBODY LISTENS. [LAUGHTER.] EXCEPT
17 PERHAPS HER DAUGHTER. [LAUGHTER.] SHE IS SPELLBINDING. SHE'S
18 KNOWLEDGEABLE. SHE'S CREATIVE. SHE'S WORKED MAGIC WITH OUR
19 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SCHOOLS. BECAUSE OF HER, SCHOOLS, SCHOOL
20 CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE MUCH BETTER PREPARED FOR EVERY
21 EMERGENCY. SHE IS A JOY TO HAVE IN THIS DEPARTMENT. AND WE ARE
22 ALL VERY PROUD OF HER HER.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO OUR EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR,
25 DR. REYNALDO, PLEASE JOIN US. SAY A FEW WORDS. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **DR. SADINA REYNALDO:** THANK YOU. MY DAUGHTER CARRIE, MY HUSBAND
3 RANDY. BUT I REALLY HAVE TO THANK ALL OF THE PEOPLE THAT I
4 WORK WITH. THIS REALLY SHOULD BE A TEAM AWARD. STEPHANIE AND
5 EVE, WHO ARE IN THE AUDIENCE. DR. OLSTEAD, DR. MUSCOLA, DR.
6 PLOW. THANK YOU SO MUCH. IT'S A GREAT TEAM TO WORK FOR.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOUR PRESENTATIONS?

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE A GOOD FRIEND AND
13 COMMUNITY LEADER, VITO CANNELLA, WHO IS BEING RECOGNIZED FOR
14 HIS 24 YEARS OF HARD WORK ON THE INSTITUTION AND INSPECTIONS
15 COMMISSION WHERE HE HAS SERVED OUR COUNTY WITH DISTINCTION. WE
16 HAVE RELIED UPON VITO ON MANY OCCASIONS TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP
17 AND INPUT. HE HAS MANY DEEP ROOTS WITHIN THE MONTROSE
18 COMMUNITY, HAVING FORMERLY SERVED AS THE POSTMASTER GENERAL
19 FOR MONTROSE. AFFILIATED AND A LEADER IN THE KNIGHTS OF
20 COLUMBUS, THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION AND THE CRESCENTA
21 VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ALSO VOLUNTEERS WITH THE RECREATION
22 PROGRAM FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE CITY OF PASADENA
23 AND TERRA DE SOL SCHOOL AND SUNLAND FACILITY FOR PEOPLE WITH
24 DISABILITIES. SO VITO IS WITH ME AND OUR DELEGATION WHEN WE
25 MET THE POPE A COUPLE YEARS AGO AT THE VATICAN. AND HE ALSO



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1 SAT IN THE POPE'S CHAIR, WHICH I ALSO SAT IN. IT WAS A VERY
2 BEAUTIFUL CEREMONY. VITO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND
3 DEDICATION. AND WE WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS. AND THANK YOU,
4 AGAIN. [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **VITO CANNELLA:** IF I MAY, I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE A FEW OTHER
7 PEOPLE FROM THE INSTITUTION AND INSPECTION COMMISSION THAT
8 HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH ME FOR MANY YEARS. CHAIRMAN OF THE
9 COMMISSION, ELERIO MONTANO ONE OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE
10 INSTITUTION INSPECTION COMMISSION, JANICE DAVIS AND BEHIND ME
11 CARL MOORE, ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION. MIKE, I WOULD
12 LIKE TO THANK YOU AND THE REST OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
13 HAVING GIVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE LAST 24 YEARS TO SERVE
14 AS A MEMBER OF THE SYBIL BRAND INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTION
15 COMMISSION. I REGRET THAT I HAVE TO RESIGN THE COMMISSION
16 AFTER 24 YEARS BECAUSE OF MY WIFE'S ILLNESS. SHE NEEDS ME AT
17 HOME EVERY DAY. BUT I REGRET, LIKE I SAID, TO LEAVE THE
18 COMMISSION. AND IN MY MIND AND IN MY HEART, I WILL BE WITH THE
19 SYBIL BRAND INSTITUTION AND INSPECTION COMMISSION ALL MY LIFE.
20 HAVING SAID THAT, I'M GOING TO CONCLUDE BY SAYING FOR ANYONE
21 THAT CAN SEE ME IN THIS PROGRAM OR HEAR ME, IF YOU HAVE SOME
22 SPARE TIME, PLEASE PARTICIPATE, VOLUNTEER YOUR SERVICE IN ANY
23 CAPACITY THAT YOU CAN. I CAN GUARANTEE YOU IF YOU ARE DOING
24 THAT, THAT YOU WILL FEEL IT TO BE A BETTER PERSON KNOWING THAT
25 YOU PARTICIPATION WOULD ENSURE BETTER NEIGHBORHOOD, BETTER



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1 CITY, BETTER COUNTY, BETTER STATE AND A BETTER NATION. AND
2 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE'RE GOING TO DECLARE AG. DAY IN L.A.
5 APRIL 22ND THROUGH THE 23RD. AND WE HAVE KURT FLORIN WHO'S OUR
6 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT ALONG WITH LINDA ALAMI,
7 AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER, MARY LANDON, CALIFORNIA'S WOMEN FOR
8 AGRICULTURE. AG. DAY IS FILLED WITH MANY HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES
9 FOR OUR THIRD AND FOURTH GRADERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS
10 ANGELES WHICH PROVIDES A FUN AND EXCITING WAY FOR THE TEACHERS
11 TO ADDRESS STATE STANDARDS AS WELL AS TO PROMOTE AGRICULTURAL
12 LITERACY PROGRAMS FOR OUR YOUTH. MANY CHILDREN, IT WILL BE AN
13 EYE OPENING EVENT IN THAT THEY HAVE NEVER SEEN FARM ANIMALS
14 BEFORE. THIS WILL TAKE PLACE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 48TH
15 DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION'S AGRICULTURE AND NUTRITION
16 FAIR. THE A.D.A. AG. DAY L.A. 2009 WELCOMES CHILDREN'S AUTHOR
17 STEPHANIE BLOOM OF "A PLACE TO GROW" FOR AN ON SITE BOOK
18 READING. MISS BLOOM IS THE RECIPIENT OF THE GROWING GOOD KIDS
19 EXCELLENCE IN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE BOOK AWARDS PROGRAM AS
20 WELL AS HAS BEEN A PARTICIPATE OF THE SMITHSONIAN'S FIRST
21 ANNUAL GARDEN FESTIVAL. SO EVERYONE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS
22 NEW EDITION. THIS IS A JOINT PARTNERSHIP EVENT SPONSORED BY
23 THE 48TH DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION, OUR OWN L.A.
24 COUNTY FARM BUREAU, L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
25 COMMISSION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ALONG WITH THE CALIFORNIA



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1 WOMEN FOR AGRICULTURE IN LOS ANGELES CHAPTER. SO
2 CONGRATULATIONS AS WE PROCLAIM THE WEEK AG. DAY L.A.
3 [APPLAUSE.]

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5 **KURT FLOREN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH VERY MUCH. WE'RE
6 VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS EVENT. IT OF COURSE IS A GREAT
7 PARTNERSHIP AMONG ALL THOSE THAT THE SUPERVISOR MENTIONED. IN
8 SPITE OF OUR-- THE PRESSURES OF OUR CURRENT ECONOMY, WE ALL
9 ARE BLESSED WITH A CONSISTENT AND RICH SUPPLY OF FOOD AND
10 FIBER. CALIFORNIA IS SO RICH IN AGRICULTURE AND LEADS THE
11 NATION IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. AND OF COURSE LOS ANGELES
12 COUNTY HAS A VERY, VERY RICH AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE. BUT IT'S
13 DIFFICULT TO SEE ANY MORE THE FARMS AND RANCHES AND DAIRIES
14 THAT PRODUCE ALL THAT FOOD, AND FEW KIDS IN THE URBAN
15 ENVIRONMENT HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THAT. IT'S IMPORTANT
16 FOR THEM TO UNDERSTAND WHERE THEIR FOOD AND FIBER COMES FROM,
17 THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HIGH QUALITY FOOD AND GOOD HEALTH AND
18 THE IMPORTANCE OF SUSTAINING AGRICULTURE IN OUR ENVIRONMENT.
19 SO OF COURSE AG. DAY PROVIDES THAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM. SO
20 WE'RE VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO THE AG. DAY EVENT ON APRIL
21 22ND AND 23RD, VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THIS RECOGNITION. AND JUST
22 TO PROMOTE GREEN LIVING AND PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT, WE
23 HAVE SOME REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS FOR EACH OF YOU. I APPRECIATE
24 THAT. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE COUGARS, THE
2 DEFEATED NO. 1 RANKED TEAM IN THE NATION, NORTHERN UNIVERSITY
3 ARIZONA BECAME THE COLLEGIATE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION'S 2008-2009
4 CHAMPIONS. THIS IS THE SECOND CHAMPIONSHIP THAT THE COUGARS
5 HAVE EARNED. AND WE'RE VERY PLEASED THAT THEY ARE HERE TODAY
6 WITH THEIR COACH, JOHN TAFFNER, THEIR ASSISTANT COACH JIM
7 SKARACH AND MEMBERS OF THE COLLEGE OF THE CANYON'S HOCKEY
8 TEAM. THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS WAS JUST
9 RECOGNIZED AT THE WOMEN'S COMMISSION LUNCHEON TWO WEEKS AGO AS
10 ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING WOMEN IN THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL
11 DISTRICT. UNBEKNOWNST TO MANY OF THE OUTSIDE OF SOUTHERN
12 CALIFORNIA'S HOCKEY SCENE, COLLEGE OF THE CANYON HAS
13 CONSISTENTLY PUT TOGETHER A WINNING HOCKEY TEAM IN ONLY NINE
14 YEARS OF EXISTENCE. ALTHOUGH THE COUGARS ARE A CLUB TEAM, THEY
15 HAVE BEEN A SIGNIFICANT PRESENCE IN THE CLUB HOCKEY LANDSCAPE
16 SINCE THEIR FIRST SEASON NINE YEARS AGO, DRAWING LOCAL TALENT
17 FROM YOUTH PROGRAMS AT I STATION VALENCIA AND OTHERS AT L.A.
18 COUNTY RINKS. THE DEAN OF PHYSICAL PLANT AND FACILITIES
19 PLANNING AND HEAD COACH JOHN TAFFNER STARTED THE PROGRAM WHEN
20 THEY SAW LOCAL TALENTED PLAYERS AWAY FROM SCHOOL. THEY CAUGHT
21 ON QUICKLY AND HAVE LEFT ITS MARK ON OUR LOCAL CLUB HOCKEY,
22 ADVANCING TO FOUR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SINCE 2003. COLLEGE
23 OF THE CANYONS IS ONE OF ONLY FIVE COMMUNITY COLLEGES TEAM IN
24 THE AMERICAN COLLEGIATE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION DIVISION'S 122
25 TOTAL TEAMS. BENEFITS FROM HAVING A RINK JUST MILES AWAY FROM



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1 CAMPUS AND A THRIVING YOUTH PROGRAM AT THE ICE STATION.
2 MEMBERS OF THE PACIFIC COAST HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, SINCE ITS
3 INCEPTION, THE C.O.C. WON ITS SECOND TITLE THIS YEAR AND THEIR
4 FIRST SINCE 2004. THE COUGARS HAD A 17-4 AS A THIRD SEED,
5 CINCHED THE P.C.H.A. TITLE WITH AN 8-1 WIN OVER THE TOP-SEEDED
6 NORTHERN ARIZONA IN THE FINAL IN FRESNO. SO THIS SEASON'S
7 SUCCESS IS A TURNAROUND FROM LAST SEASON WHEN THEY FINISHED 1-
8 13. BUT LIKE TRUE CHAMPIONS, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A WINNER
9 AND CHAMPION IS A WINNER GETS UP AFTER BEING KNOCKED DOWN.
10 THEY GOT UP OFF THE ICE AND CONGRATULATIONS, WE GIVE YOU THIS
11 PLAQUE ON YOUR CHAMPIONSHIP. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I TAKE THIS
14 AWARD NOT AS AN INDIVIDUAL BUT AS A TEAM AWARD. AND THESE GUYS
15 HAVE COME BACK FROM THE ASHES FROM LAST YEAR AND FOUND OUT
16 THAT IT'S THROUGH THAT SPIRIT THAT THEY CAN OVERCOME. A LOT OF
17 THESE GUYS ARE NOT GOING TO LEAVE TODAY. THEY'RE NOT GOING TO
18 SIGN ANY PRO CONTRACTS. THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GET ANY SIGNING
19 BONUSES. BUT DO YOU KNOW WHAT? THEY'RE GOING TO WALK OUT AND
20 THE DOORS OF EDUCATION ARE GOING TO GO OPEN. THEY'RE GOING TO
21 HAVE A MILLION OPPORTUNITIES SET BEFORE THEM. AND HOCKEY WAS
22 JUST A TOOL IN THAT. SOMETIMES WE FORGET THAT WE ARE IN THE
23 GREATEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD. WE'RE ALSO IN THE GREATEST
24 STATE WITHIN THAT COUNTRY. AND ALSO WE SERVE IN THE GREATEST
25 COMMUNITY AND COUNTY, THIS IS LOS ANGELES. WE JUST THANK YOU



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1 FOR THIS RECOGNITION AND ALL YOU'VE DONE FOR US. IT WAS HARD
2 WORK AND WE WANT TO CONTINUE ON. AND, AGAIN, WE PALE IN
3 COMPARISON TO SOME OF THE PEOPLE HERE THAT REALLY DESERVE THIS
4 AWARD. WE ARE HAPPY TO ACCEPT IT. AND THESE GUYS WORKED VERY,
5 VERY HARD THIS YEAR. WE CAME WITH ONE GOAL, AND THAT IS THAT
6 WE CAN ACHIEVE AND WE CAN DO GOOD THINGS. AND THESE GUYS
7 DIDN'T EVEN DO GOOD THINGS, THEY DID GREAT THINGS. SO WE
8 ACCEPT THIS AWARD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE A LITTLE SHIH TZU MIX, HE'S 2 YEARS
11 OLD. HIS NAME IS CHARLIE. WITH THE RED SWEATER. THIS IS LITTLE
12 CHARLIE. CHARLIE IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. AND ANYBODY THAT WOULD
13 LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE CHARLIE, THE SWEATER GOES WITH HIM. HE'S
14 VERY RESERVED. 562-728-4644 IF YOU'RE AT HOME HE LIKES
15 TELEVISION. HE LIKES THE NEWS. BUT DO THE CAMERA MEN LIKE
16 LITTLE CHARLIE? HUH? PUT A LITTLE SPICE IN YOUR LIFE, HUH?
17 ANYWAY, LITTLE CHARLIE IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. ANYBODY THAT
18 WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT HIM. OKAY. THAT'S ALL I HAVE. THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. ANTONOVICH. I'M GOING TO ASK DR.
21 FIELDING TO COME UP AND JOIN ME, AS WELL. BECAUSE THIS WEEK IS
22 PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS CELEBRATING ITS 22ND
23 ANNUAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK, WHICH BEGAN ON MONDAY, APRIL 6TH
24 AND RUNS THROUGH SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH. DURING PUBLIC HEALTH
25 WEEK, THE DEPARTMENT MAKES A SPECIAL EFFORT TO INFORM ALL



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1 RESIDENTS ABOUT THE SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE YEAR ROUND.
2 PUBLIC SERVICE WEEK INCREASES THE COMMUNITY'S AWARENESS ON THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S EFFORT TO PREVENT AND CONTROL
4 THE SPREAD OF DISEASE, PREPARING FOR DISASTERS AND INSURING A
5 HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT. THIS YEAR, PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK TEAM IS
6 BUILDING THE FOUNDATION FOR A HEALTHY LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
7 ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES INCLUDE H.I.V./A.I.D.S. TESTING AND
8 SCREENINGS FOR CARDIOVASCULAR, CANCER, BREAST CANCER AND
9 DIABETES. I'M SORRY. CERVICAL CANCER. NOT CARDIOVASCULAR
10 CANCER. I DON'T THINK THERE IS SUCH A THING. I'M MAKING THINGS
11 UP AS I GO ALONG HERE. (LAUGHING) THE DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO USE
12 THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE GOOD NUTRITION, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
13 AND LEAD POISONING PREVENTION, AS WELL, AMONG MANY OF THE
14 OTHER EFFORTS. ALL OF OUR LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO
15 ATTEND VARIOUS COUNTY ACTIVITIES THAT ARE CARRIED OUT BY
16 VARIOUS EMPLOYEES OF OUR COUNTY IN OUR PUBLIC HEALTH
17 DEPARTMENT. SO CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU FOR OUTSTANDING
18 WORK.

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20 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR.
21 [APPLAUSE.]

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** SHARE A FEW WORDS, DR. FIELDING, ABOUT THE
24 ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK.

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1 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE ACTIVITIES ALL
2 AROUND THE COUNTY. AND SOME PEOPLE WONDER IF PUBLIC HEALTH IS
3 IMPORTANT. WELL, IT'S ONLY IMPORTANT IF YOU CARE ABOUT THE AIR
4 YOU BREATHE, IF YOU WANT WATER THAT IS, IN FACT, PURE, IF YOU
5 WANT TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE PROGRAMS FOR THOSE THAT HAVE SERIOUS
6 DRUG PROBLEMS AND WANT TO BE ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY, OR
7 CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTHCARE NEEDS, OR IF YOU'RE CONCERNED
8 THAT WE PREPARED TO PREVENT EPIDEMICS OF AVIAN FLU OR OTHER
9 KIND OF PROBLEMS, IF YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT PROVIDING CARE FOR
10 PEOPLE WHO HAVE TUBERCULOSIS AND WE DON'T WANT THOSE ISSUES
11 SPREAD IN THE COMMUNITY. SO IF YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT WHO'S
12 THERE TO PROTECT YOUR HEALTH AND SAFETY, PUBLIC HEALTH IS A
13 SAFETY RESPONDER. AND ON BEHALF OF THE 4,000 EMPLOYEES AND
14 THOSE MANY PEOPLE WHO GET THE SERVICES, WE ARE HERE FOR
15 EVERYBODY IN L.A. COUNTY. AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS
16 RECOGNITION. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, PLEASE?

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. MAY I
21 ASK THAT CORDE CARRILLO COME FORWARD AND HELP ME AS WE
22 CELEBRATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK. AS MANY OF US KNOW AND
23 APPRECIATE, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES REPRESENTS ONE OF THE
24 MOST DIVERSE JURISDICTIONS IN THE NATION. THE COMMUNITY
25 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES OPERATES



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1 THE LARGEST URBAN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
2 PROGRAM IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN IN
3 OPERATION SINCE 1974, PROVIDING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITH THE
4 RESOURCES REQUIRED TO MEET NEEDS OF PERSONS OF LOW AND
5 MODERATE INCOME AND TO HELP THEM ELIMINATE THOSE CONDITIONS
6 THAT WE TYPICALLY DEFINE AS SLUM CONDITIONS AND/OR BLIGHTED
7 CONDITIONS. THE C.D.B.G. FUNDS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO A GREAT
8 NUMBER OF NEIGHBORHOOD-BASED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
9 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND THIS PROGRAM HAS HAD
10 A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S LOCAL ECONOMY
11 THROUGH JOB CREATION, JOB RETENTION, REDEVELOPMENT AND,
12 FINALLY, IMPROVEMENT FOR THE TAX BASE ITSELF. AND SO THEREFORE
13 IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRETY OF
14 THE BOARD, THAT WE PROCLAIM APRIL 12-18 OF THIS YEAR AS
15 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK, AND WE DO IT WITH A GREAT DEGREE
16 OF PRIDE FOR THE WORK THAT WE ARE DOING AND THOSE THINGS THAT
17 ARE YET TO COME. SO CORDE, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP UP TO
18 THIS POINT, AND WE PRESENT THIS TO YOU ON BEHALF OF THE WHOLE
19 BOARD. [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **CORDE CARRILLO:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND MEMBERS OF THE
22 BOARD FOR THIS RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK AND
23 THE FINE WORK THAT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM DOES FOR
24 SO MANY THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY. LAST YEAR, ABOUT \$59 MILLION
25 WAS SPENT AND ASSISTED 1.2 MILLION LOW TO MODERATE INCOME



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1 PEOPLE, CREATED OVER 5,000 BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND IT
2 ALSO CREATED ABOUT 5,000 IN JOBS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING
3 PROGRAMS. APPROXIMATELY 260 PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS WERE ALSO
4 FUNDED. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THE PARTNERSHIPS THAT WE'VE
5 DEVELOPED WITH OUR PARTNERS IN THE URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM AND
6 LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED SUCCESS OVER THE YEARS. ONE OF THE
7 RECOGNITIONS I'D ALSO LIKE TO MAKE IS TO OUR COMMUNITY
8 DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DIVISION THAT DOES SUCH AN EXCELLENT
9 JOB OF SUSTAINING THE PROGRAM OVER THE YEARS AND THE
10 FLEXIBILITY AND CREATIVITY THAT THAT DIVISION THAT THAT THEN
11 COMES UP WITH OVER THE YEARS. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12 [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IMPORTANT WORK AS WE POINT TO THE
15 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT, THEREFORE
16 WE OWE A GREAT DEAL OF GRATITUDE TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
17 COMMISSION. MAY I NOW EXTEND THE CELEBRATION OF WORTHY EFFORTS
18 TO THE HEALTHY PARKS MONTH. AND I'M GOING TO CALL RUSS GUINEY
19 AND THE ENTIRE TEAM FORWARD, JOHN WICKER, NORMAN GARCIA,
20 KATHLEEN RITTER AND DEBBY MARTIN. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, APRIL
21 IS DESIGNATED AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL AS HEALTHY PARKS MONTH.
22 AND WE DO SO, IN LARGE MEASURE, BECAUSE OF THE EPIDEMIC OF
23 OBESITY THAT FACES THE NATION. IT'S WORTH OUR TAKING NOTE OF
24 THE FACT THAT MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF U.S. ADULTS, MORE THAN 72
25 MILLION PEOPLE, ARE FACED WITH THIS PARTICULAR HEALTH MALADY.



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1 IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, IT IS NO SECRET THAT THERE HAS
2 BEEN AN ALARMING INCREASE IN THE PERCENTAGE OF SCHOOL AGED
3 CHILDREN IN THE FIFTH THROUGH THE SEVENTH ALL THE WAY THROUGH
4 THE NINTH GRADES WHO ARE SUFFERING, AS WELL. THESE ARE MATTERS
5 OF GREAT CONSEQUENCE AS WE SEEK TO TACKLE THE QUESTION OF
6 HEALTHCARE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, PARTICULARLY FROM THE
7 PERSPECTIVE OF PREVENTION. IT IS LARGELY WHY THE BOARD, MANY
8 OF US, ARE CONCERNED ABOUT SCHOOL HEALTH CENTERS IN OUR
9 RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS BECAUSE IT IS A WAY IN WHICH WE CAN HELP
10 TACKLE SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS. AND SO WE JOIN FORCES WITH THE
11 EDUCATION COMMUNITY, HEALTHCARE ADVOCATES, HEALTH PROVIDERS
12 AND THOSE WHO UNDERSTAND THE BUSINESS OF RECREATION AS IS
13 DEMONSTRATED BY THESE PROFESSIONALS WHO STAND HERE. AND WE
14 DECLARE OURSELVES IN ASSOCIATION WITH HEALTHY PARKS MONTH
15 BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THERE IS A JOINT EFFORT THAT NEEDS TO BE
16 PURSUED IN ORDER TO HELP YOUNGSTERS EXPERIENCE A HIGHER
17 QUALITY OF LIFE AND LIVE IN A MORE HEALTHY STATE. SO THEREFORE
18 WE PRESENT THIS TO OUR DEPARTMENT THAT'S ALREADY SHOWING
19 LEADERSHIP, AND WE'RE GOING TO ASK THEM, THAT, RUSS, IF YOU
20 WOULD HAVE A FEW WORDS, AS WE DECLARE HEALTHY PARKS MONTH IN
21 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **RUSS GUINEY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
24 AND RECREATION IS THE PRIMARY RECREATION PROVIDER FOR THE
25 SECOND LARGEST CITY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THAT'S THE



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1 MILLION PEOPLE THAT LIVE IN OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS. AND THE
2 ISSUES THAT WERE OUTLINED BY THE SUPERVISOR ARE VERY IMPORTANT
3 TO THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTY. IF WE HAVE CHILDREN THAT ARE
4 OVERWEIGHT AND UNHEALTHY, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ADULTS THAT ARE
5 OVERWEIGHT AND UNHEALTHY. SO THE IMPORTANCE OF REACHING OUT TO
6 THESE CHILDREN AT AN EARLY DATE IS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT. AND
7 WE TAKE THIS VERY SERIOUSLY IN OUR PARKS. WE'RE CHANGING
8 EVERYTHING FROM THE SNACKS WE PROVIDE IN OUR AFTERSCHOOL AND
9 DAYCARE PROGRAMS, WHERE WE'RE PROVIDING MORE HEALTHY SNACKS,
10 MORE FRUITS, MORE VEGETABLES, LESS SUGARY FOODS, LESS FATTY
11 FOODS, TO AN EXERCISE PROGRAM WHERE WE GET KIDS OUT OF THE
12 COMPUTER CLASS AND GET THEM OUTSIDE TO DO SOME EXERCISING SO
13 THEY INTEGRATE HEALTHY EATING, A REGIME OF EXERCISE INTO THEIR
14 DAILY LIVES. AND PROVIDING ALL TYPES OF EXERCISE AND SPORTS
15 LEAGUES IN COMMUNITIES THAT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY ARE
16 GENERALLY UNDERSERVED. AND THESE COMMUNITIES DON'T HAVE
17 COMMERCIAL GYMNASIUMS OR ATHLETIC CLUBS. AND WE ARE THE
18 FACILITIES OF LAST RESORT AND ONLY RESORT. AND THE IMPORTANCE
19 OF YOUR PARKS IN THESE UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES IS EXTREMELY
20 IMPORTANT IN TURNING AROUND THESE ISSUES AND DEALING WITH
21 CHILDHOOD OBESITY, DIABETES AND OTHER MALADIES THAT ARE
22 AFFECTING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. WE REALLY APPRECIATE THE BOARD
23 SUPPORT AND, SUPERVISOR, YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE PARKS
24 DEPARTMENT, AND EFFORTS THAT WE'RE MAKING TO CREATE HEALTHY
25 PARKS, WHICH ARE REALLY ISLANDS OF HEALTH AND HOPE FOR THE



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1 PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

2 [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE IT. I GUESS WE'RE
5 STARTING OUR AGENDA ITEMS, AND I'M GOING TO CALL SUPERVISOR
6 ANTONOVICH FOR YOUR ITEMS. YOU'RE UP FIRST.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 51-A.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT ITEM, I'M SORRY?

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 51-A?

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 51-A.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HELD BY THE PUBLIC.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THIS HAS BEEN HELD BY MR. LANG. TED
19 LANG, IS THAT CORRECT? DO YOU WANT TO COME UP AND JOIN US AT
20 THE CENTER TABLE, PLEASE? SO IF YOU INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND
21 YOUR TESTIMONY.

22

23 **TED LANG:** MY NAME IS TED LANG. AND I WAS THE FOUNDER AND THE
24 FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE LA TUNA CANYON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION.
25 THE ASSOCIATION CAME TO BE BECAUSE WE HAD TO RID LA TUNA



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1 CANYON ROAD OF THE LARGE TRUCKS FREQUENTLY 4 TO 500 TRUCKS
2 FROM JUST THE GARBAGE COMPANIES THAT TRAVERSED IT EVERY DAY.
3 LA TUNA CANYON ROAD WAS NOT BUILT FOR THIS PARTICULAR TYPE OF
4 SERVICE. IT WAS AN 8-INCH THICK ROAD. AS A RESULT, WITH JOE
5 WACHS, MY WIFE ANGEL TOMKINS, GOLDEN GLOBE NOMINATED ACTRESS,
6 EXCUSE ME, ANGEL TOMKINS, AND MYSELF AS A LATE NIGHT COMEDY
7 WRITER, WE PUT THIS TOGETHER, AND WE LEGISLATED THE TRUCKS OFF
8 THE ROAD. THERE ARE SIGNS OFF THE LA TUNA CANYON ROAD OFF
9 RAMP, BOTH ON THE FREEWAYS THAT TELL TRUCKS THAT WEIGH OVER
10 6,000 POUNDS THEY CANNOT GO DOWN THAT STREET. NOW, SIMILAR
11 SIGNS EXIST ON ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST ROAD. THE PROBLEM IS
12 THERE IS NO ENFORCEMENT OF THIS. TODAY I WOULD SAY THAT WE'VE
13 HAD A 90 PERCENT REDUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF TRUCKS THAT GO UP
14 AND DOWN THE ROAD THAT WEIGH OVER 6,000 POUNDS. FREQUENTLY,
15 THOUGH, A TRACTOR TRAILER WILL GET STOPPED, AND THOSE FINES
16 FOR THOSE TRUCKS EXCEED \$30,000 FOR ONE TRUCK. SO I FEEL THAT
17 SINCE THE SIGNS ARE IN PLACE ON ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST, THEY
18 ARE IN PLACE ON LA TUNA CANYON ROAD AND OTHER CITY'S ROADS,
19 EXCUSE ME, IN THE AREA, IT WOULD BE TO THE COUNTY AND CITY'S
20 BEHOOVEMENT TO ACTUALLY CREATE A RANDOM GROUP OF EITHER C.H.P.
21 AND/OR LOS ANGELES POLICE OFFICERS, A TASKFORCE, TO ENFORCE
22 THIS ON THE BASIS OF JUST COMING INTO AN AREA AND GIVING THE
23 PROPER TICKETS OUT. I WOULD THINK AFTER A FEW OF THESE TRUCKS
24 HAVE TO PAY THESE THINGS THAT THEY WOULD STOP GOING UP AND
25 DOWN THOSE STREETS. THEY'RE NOT DESIGNED TO BE ON IN THE FIRST



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1 PLACE. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY THAT I THINK THAT WE CAN ACTUALLY
2 CAUSE THIS PROBLEM TO GO AWAY, AND THAT IS TO ENFORCE THE LAW.
3 SO I LEAVE THAT WITH YOU. WE HAVE HAD RECENTLY TWO PEOPLE
4 KILLED ON LA TUNA CANYON ROAD BECAUSE OF TRUCKS AND SPEED. AND
5 IT WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE PROPER AUTHORITIES ENFORCE THE LAW.
6 I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME. THANK YOU, MIKE.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. THEY'RE GOING TO ALSO REVIEW LA
9 TUNA CANYON, EVEN THOUGH THAT'S IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES,
10 BUT LIKE YOU SAID, GETTING A JOINT EFFORT BETWEEN THE HIGHWAY
11 PATROL FOR THE COUNTY IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND THE STATE
12 AND GETTING L.A. CITY TO PARTICIPATE WITH THAT, THAT WILL HELP
13 ALLEVIATE YOUR DISASTER AREA, AS WELL.

14

15 **TED LANG:** AND THINK OF THE MONEY THAT YOU GUYS CAN MAKE. I'D
16 LIKE TO GET A COMMISSION ON IT. YOU KNOW, THIS IS A SERIOUS
17 PROBLEM. AND UNTIL, YOU KNOW, WE TAKE ACTION, IT WILL
18 CONTINUE.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. WE APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON IT.

21

22 **TED LANG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISORS.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. THE ITEM IS BEFORE YOU: MOVED
2 BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.
3 IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME DO MY ADJOURNMENTS. PALMA "PAM"
6 HANSON, FORMER ASSOCIATE EDITOR OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY PRESS,
7 WHO WORKED AT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY PRESS, THE DAILY LEDGE-
8 GAZETTE AND THE BEARING SPECIALTY COMPANY IN THE VALLEY,
9 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 82. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND
10 AND HER DAUGHTER. DONALD GERALD LOMHOLDT, PASSED AWAY AT THE
11 AGE OF 85. HE WAS A WORLD WAR II VETERAN. HE WAS IN THE NAVAL
12 RESERVES AS A FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR. HE ENTERED THE SHERIFF'S
13 ACADEMY AT AGE 34. SPENT 20 YEARS WITH OUR DEPARTMENT. LATER
14 ASSIGNED TO THE MIRA LOMA PRISON, FORENSICS AND SEVERAL OTHER
15 COUNTY FACILITIES, INCLUDING HONOR FARM. FORMER DEPUTY SHERIFF
16 BEN TUSO, LONG-TIME ANTELOPE VALLEY RESIDENT WHO PLAYED WITH
17 WOODY HERMAN AND BENNY GOODMAN, AMONG OTHERS. HE LEAVES HIS
18 WIFE AND HIS SONS, TED, PHIL AND DAVE. JAMES, "J.G." BOSWELL,
19 WHO WAS A BUSINESSMAN WHO TRANSFORMED THE COTTON HOLDINGS INTO
20 CALIFORNIA'S FIRST GIANT AG. BUSINESS, ONE OF THE GREAT
21 FARMING EMPIRES, AT AGE 29. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86.
22 HE LEAVES HIS WIFE, BARBARA, AND HIS TWO CHILDREN, LORRAINE
23 AND JODY. AND SISTER MARY THOMAS DURAN, MEMBER OF THE SISTERS
24 OF CARONDELET, THE ORDER THAT MY AUNT IS A MEMBER OF, PASSED
25 AWAY. SHE HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH



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1 CARONDELET FOR THE PAST 63 YEARS. AND SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
2 SISTER, PAT AND JERRY. HER BROTHERS AND HER SISTER MARY. THOSE
3 ARE MY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 4-H.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** 4-H. **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ACTUALLY 4-H. 22, 38, 40,
10 ITEMS HELD BY MR. SACHS.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** 4-H, 22--

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BECAUSE S-1 AND S-2 ARE SET ITEMS.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** 38 AND 40, ALL RIGHT. I GUESS, MR. SACHS, YOU
17 CALLED ALL OF THOSE. WOULD YOU COME UP AND JOIN US? ITEM 4-H,
18 22, 38 AND 40.

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM 4-H. GOOD MORNING, COUNTY BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ITEM 4-H, THIS GOES BACK TO
22 ACTUALLY LAST WEEK IN YOUR APPROACH-- I APPRECIATE THE FACT
23 THAT YOU WANT TO ELIMINATE THE ANNUAL BACKLOG FOR THE HOUSING
24 CHOICE VOUCHER. BUT I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR MEETING
25 LAST WEEK WHEN YOU HAD THE SHERIFF COME UP HERE AND DISCUSS



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1 THE BACKLOG OF YOUR RAPE CASES AND THE FACT THAT FUNDING WILL
2 HELP TO ELIMINATE THE BACKLOG THERE. WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND
3 IS THE AGENDA FOR LAST WEEK WITH THE RAPE CASES WAS A BACKLOG
4 THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN CREATED WHEN THE POLICY FOR DOING THE
5 D.N.A. TESTING WAS CHANGED AND TAKEN FROM THE FEDERAL
6 GOVERNMENT'S HANDS AND PUT INTO BOTH STATE AND LOCAL
7 JURISDICTIONS. THE AMOUNT-- THE DIFFERENT-- THE AMOUNT OF
8 CATEGORIES THAT WOULD HAVE THEN BECOME UNDER THE-- THE AMOUNT
9 OF CATEGORIES THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN NECESSARY FOR D.N.A.
10 TESTING WOULD HAVE INCREASED. AND THE FACT THAT NOBODY TOOK
11 ANY STEPS TO ADDRESS THAT POLICY AND THE FACT THAT THIS WOULD
12 ADD TO A BACKLOG THAT ALREADY EXISTED MAKES ME VERY LEERY OF
13 YOUR PLANS TO ELIMINATE ANY OTHER KIND OF BACKLOGS THAT EXIST
14 TODAY. THANK YOU. 4-H. NEXT ITEM, SIR? 22?

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES. 38 AND 40.

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18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** 22, OH. TRANSPORTATION FOR MEDICALLY FRAGILE
19 CHILDREN. THE ITEM DOESN'T REALLY STATE THE FUNDING AND THE
20 DISTANCE, BUT JUST AS AN EXAMPLE, THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH
21 HAS A POLICY TO TRANSPORT CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES. THEY USE
22 A PRIVATE CONTRACTOR TO TRAVEL 2 1/2 MILES MILES. THEY HAVE
23 SIX CHILDREN. THEY PAY \$100 PER TRIP IN THE CITY OF HERMOSA
24 BEACH. I KNOW, I'VE TALKED NUMEROUS TIMES ABOUT THE DISABILITY
25 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IN THE COUNTY OF L.A. AND HOW CORRUPT IT



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1 IS. SO I'M CURIOUS TO KNOW HOW MUCH-- WELL IT SAYS HOW MUCH
2 THEY'RE BEING PAID, BUT THE DISTANCE AND THE NUMBER OF
3 CHILDREN THAT ARE BEING TRANSPORTED WOULD BE INTERESTING TO
4 KNOW AND WHY THIS ISN'T AN ACCESS SERVICES PROGRAM OR ONE OF
5 THE OTHER COMPARABLE PROGRAMS, BUT A LIMOUSINE SERVICE? THAT'S
6 ALSO RAISES SOME EYEBROWS. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. NEXT ITEM?

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** HE HAS ONE MORE ITEM. ITEM 38.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** 38 AND 40, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY MORE TIME.

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WELL, MADAME CHAIR, YOU KNOW, YOU CALL THESE
15 ITEMS.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** 38 AND 40.

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. AGAIN, IT JUST SO HAPPENS LAST WEEK,
20 AFTER THE HEARING HERE IN THE COUNTY CHAMBERS REGARDING THE
21 BACKLOG OF RAPE CRISIS, THE CITY OF L.A. HAD A CITY COUNCIL
22 MEETING AND THEY DISCUSSED THEIR BACKLOG. BETWEEN THE TWO
23 AGENCIES, THE CITY AND THE COUNTY, THERE'S OVER 10,000 RAPE
24 D.N.A. KITS. AND YOUR MATCHING FUNDS FOR STALKING AND THREAT
25 ASSESSMENT TEAM, IT JUST BEHOOVES ME, YOU HAVE 10,000



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1 OUTSTANDING RAPE KITS, HOW MANY KITS HAVE BEEN PROCESSED WITH
2 BOTH AGENCIES? AND WHEN DOES THAT BECOME A CRISIS IN AND OF
3 ITSELF? WHERE IS ANY KIND OF ACTION FOR A JOINT TASKFORCE,
4 BECAUSE WE CAN COMBINE 38 AND 40, BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE
5 CITY TO LOOK INTO THIS BACKLOG? AND HOW IT WAS CREATED?
6 ASSISTANT DEPUTY-- IT WAS AN ASSISTANT DEPUTY, CHARLES BETT,
7 MENTIONED THAT THE CITY OF L.A. HAD A POLICY THAT IF THE
8 DETECTIVES DIDN'T ASK FOR A RAPE CASE TO BE INITIATED, I MEAN
9 A RAPE D.N.A. CASE TO BE INITIATED, THEN IT WASN'T DONE,
10 CREATING A BACKLOG. I WONDER IF THE COUNTY HAD A POLICY LIKE
11 THAT. WHAT KIND-- THERE'S TALK THAT WE DON'T DO PROFILING, BUT
12 WE DO D.N.A. PROFILING. I WONDER WHICH CASES THEY DIDN'T OPEN
13 UP VERSUS WHICH CASES THEY DID. WHY IS THERE NO ACTION? YOU
14 KNOW YOU'RE GETTING FEDERAL FUNDING. YOU KNOW THAT THERE'S
15 GOING TO BE SOME CAVEATS TO THE FEDERAL FUNDING. AND YET
16 NOTHING WAS PLANNED. NO INCREASE IN THE MANPOWER. WAS THERE AN
17 INCREASE IN THE MANPOWER? THAT WASN'T MENTIONED. YOU KNOW THAT
18 ADDITIONAL CATEGORIES ARE GOING TO BE NECESSARY, THAT WILL
19 NECESSITATE A D.N.A. TEST BEING INVOLVED: ROBBERY, D.U.I.,
20 ASSAULT, KIDNAPPING. I'M NOT DOWNPLAYING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE
21 FEDERAL DATABASE. THERE WAS THREE CASES THAT YOU COULD SPEAK
22 OF WHERE PERPETRATORS GOT CAUGHT. THERE WAS THE CHANDRA LEVY
23 CASE, HER PERPETRATOR GOT CAUGHT IN SAN FRANCISCO. THERE WAS
24 THE CASE IN EL SEGUNDO WHERE TWO OFFICERS GOT KILLED 50 YEARS
25 AGO. THAT GUY GOT CAUGHT IN NORTH CAROLINA. AND THEN JUST



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1 RECENTLY, THERE WAS A CASE IN BOSTON WHERE THE GUY WAS CHARGED
2 WITH KIDNAPPING HIS KIDS, AND HE WAS CONNECTED TO A CASE IN
3 SAN MARINO WHERE TWO PEOPLE WERE MISSING. SO THE D.N.A. CASE,
4 THE FEDERAL DATABASE IS IMPORTANT. AND YOU USE RAPE-- PEOPLE
5 THAT HAVE BEEN RAPED TO GET BEHIND THEM ON A BACKLOG THAT'S
6 BEEN CREATED BECAUSE YOU FAILED TO ACT, AND YOU'RE USING THEM
7 TO CRY WOLF. THAT'S SHAMEFUL. THAT'S JUST TOTALLY SHAMEFUL.
8 THANK YOU. AND WHERE'S NEWS COVERAGE TO ASK THESE QUESTIONS
9 THEMSELVES? NEXT PROBLEM? 40? WE DID 40. I COMBINED THEM.
10 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. THOSE ITEMS MOVED BY
13 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
14 IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THOSE ITEMS.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM 9? I NEED TO ASK OUR C.E.O.--

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. ON ITEM 9, BEFORE WE START, I'D LIKE
19 TO READ AN AMENDMENT INTO IT. WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO WISH TO
20 ADDRESS US ON THIS ITEM. I'D LIKE TO AMEND THE MOTION BY
21 ADDING THAT "I FURTHER MOVE THAT ANY POTENTIAL USE OF
22 A.R.R.A.H.P.R.P. FUNDS BE EVALUATED IN COOPERATION WITH THE
23 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, C.D.C., THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
24 OF THE COUNTY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO
25 ENSURE THAT THESE FUNDS ARE UTILIZED IN A WAY THAT WILL ASSIST



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1 THE GREATEST NUMBER OF QUALIFYING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES.
2 THESE, OF COURSE, ARE THE PEOPLE THAT ARE DEFINED TO BE LOW,
3 50 PERCENT OF THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME IN THE MOST COST-
4 EFFECTIVE MANNER GIVEN THE LIMITED RESOURCES AND THE MULTIPLE
5 PROVIDED BY H.U.D., H.P. R.P. GUIDELINES.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. FUJIOKA, RELATIVE TO THIS ITEM, ON
8 DIRECTIVE 1, IF THE CALWORKS INCOME AND RESOURCES LIMITS WERE
9 RELAXED, WHAT NUMBER OF FAMILIES WOULD BE ADDED EACH MONTH?
10 AND WHAT IS THE COST FOR THAT ADDITIONAL MONTHLY ADDITION?

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12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I THINK IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT RIGHT NOW TO
13 PROVIDE THE EXACT NUMBER. WE HAVEN'T GONE THROUGH THE EFFORT
14 TO PROJECT THE IMPACT OF ANY OF THESE MODIFICATIONS, BUT WE
15 CAN IF YOU LIKE AND REPORT BACK TO YOU VERY QUICKLY, PROBABLY
16 WITHIN THE WEEK.

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18 **SPEAKER:** ON THE CALWORKS PORTION, THOUGH, THE COUNTY ONLY PAYS
19 LESS THAN 2 PERCENT OF THE COST. SO JUST A GENERAL THUMB
20 SKETCH IS ABOUT \$62,000.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MUCH?

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24 **SPEAKER:** \$62,000.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE COUNTY'S SHARE IS 62,000?

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3 **SPEAKER:** LESS THAN 2 PERCENT OF THE ENTIRE PROGRAM.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THAT WOULD BE MONTHLY?

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7 **SPEAKER:** THAT FIGURE, THE 62,000, APPROXIMATELY, IS FOR AN
8 ENTIRE 12-MONTH PERIOD.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 12-MONTH PERIOD. IF THE UPWARD TREND OF
11 FAMILIES APPLYING FOR WELFARE AND DISQUALIFYING INCOME
12 CONTINUES, IN VIEW OF THE STATE CUTS TO CALWORKS, SINGLE
13 ALLOCATION DOLLARS, COULD THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
14 AFFORD TO AID THE INCREASED NUMBER OF THESE FAMILIES WHO ARE
15 CURRENTLY DISQUALIFIED DUE TO INCOME OR ASSETS?

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17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** REALLY THE QUESTION WOULD BE ONE OF WHETHER OR
18 NOT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD PICK UP THOSE COSTS, RIGHT?

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20 **SPEAKER:** THE WAY THE FUNDING IS STRUCTURED IS THAT THE COST OF
21 AIDING THOSE ADDITIONAL CASES COMING ON, IF THE ASSET
22 TEST/INCOME TEST WERE MODIFIED IN SOME WAY, IS 80 PERCENT
23 FEDERAL BECAUSE OF THE STIMULUS EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY FUND
24 THAT CALIFORNIA'S RECEIVING. AND THEN THE REMAINING COSTS, WE
25 ONLY HAVE A 2 1/2 PERCENT, THE COUNTY ITSELF HAS A 2 1/2



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1 PERCENT SHARE OF THE REMAINING 20 PERCENT OF THOSE ASSISTANCE
2 COSTS.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WHEN FEDERAL FUNDING CEASES VIA THE
5 STIMULUS, ARE WE STILL OBLIGATED TO CONTINUE THAT PROGRAM
6 BECAUSE WE RECEIVE THE FEDERAL FUNDS?

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8 **SPEAKER:** IT DEPENDS ON HOW THE LEGISLATION OR POLICY'S DRAWN
9 UP. IF IT'S A TEMPORARY PROGRAM THAT SUNSETS AFTER SEPTEMBER
10 '10, THEN THERE WOULDN'T BE THOSE ADDITIONAL COSTS. IF IT
11 WASN'T TEMPORARY, THEN THE COUNTY'S OVERALL SHARE OF THE 100
12 PERCENT ASSISTANCE COSTS FOR THOSE FAMILIES WOULD BE 2 1/2
13 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ENDS THEIR
16 STIMULUS FUNDING, ARE WE OBLIGATED TO CONTINUE THE ENTIRE
17 PROGRAM?

18

19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ON THAT PARTICULAR NOTE, THAT'S A REAL GOOD
20 POINT AND SOMETHING-- IT'S A VERY SIGNIFICANT POLICY ISSUE,
21 BECAUSE WE ARE GETTING STIMULUS DOLLARS, NOT ONLY IN THIS AREA
22 BUT FOR OTHER HEALTH OR SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS AS PART OF THE
23 POLICY DISCUSSION. AND WHEN WE MOVE FORWARD AND DISCUSS THE
24 BUDGET, WE DO NEED TO DISCUSS WHAT HAPPENS AT THE END OF THE
25 RECEIPT OF THE STIMULUS DOLLARS. FOR EXAMPLE, FOR OUR



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1 EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS THAT WILL BE FUNDED THROUGH THE STIMULUS
2 PACKAGE, IT'S OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT THEY REPRESENT-- THEY
3 CREATE TEMPORARY JOBS. AND AT THE END OF THE PERIOD WHERE WE
4 RECEIVE STIMULUS OR FEDERAL FUNDING, WE MAKE A DECISION
5 WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN CONTINUE WITH THOSE POSITIONS, BUT IT'S
6 NOT AUTOMATIC. BECAUSE IF WE DO HAVE A POLICY THAT SAYS WE
7 WILL CONTINUE WITH THE PROGRAM REGARDLESS OF THE FUNDING
8 SOURCE, GIVEN OUR PROJECTIONS FOR A CONTINUED ECONOMIC
9 PROBLEMS OR CHALLENGES HERE IN THE COUNTY, IT COULD PUT US IN
10 A VERY DIFFICULT POSITION.

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12 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** MY READING OF THE MOTION, IT ASKS THAT IT BE A
13 TEMPORARY CHANGE, NOT A PERMANENT ONE.

14
15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW. IT'S TEMPORARY. BUT THE FEDERAL
16 INTERPRETATION OF THEIR FUNDING PROGRAMS, DOES IT NOT REQUIRE
17 THAT WE HAVE TO CONTINUE THAT PROGRAM REGARDLESS OF ADDITIONAL
18 FUNDING, FEDERAL SUPPORT? AND I KNOW SOME OF THE PRIVATE
19 SECTORS WHO HAVE RECEIVED FEDERAL FUNDING IS NOW HAVING THEIR
20 PERSONNEL SALARIES AND OTHER POLICIES BEING DRIVEN BY THAT
21 FUNDING THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED. SO THEY NO LONGER HAVE
22 COMPLETE CONTROL OF THEIR BUSINESS. AND I'M SAYING WOULD WE
23 ALSO LOSE COMPLETE CONTROL OVER THIS PROGRAM BY HAVING THIS
24 PARTY REQUIRED THROUGH A MANDATE THAT BECAUSE YOU ACCEPTED THE
25 FEDERAL FUNDS TO BEGIN WITH, YOU'RE TOTALLY OBLIGATED TO



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1 CONTINUE THIS PROGRAM WHEN THE FEDS WITHDRAW THEIR FINANCIAL
2 SUPPORT? LIKE IT'S AN UNFUNDED MANDATE IS WHAT I'M SAYING.

3

4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE WILL LOOK INTO THAT TO ENSURE THAT IF WE DO
5 GO IN THIS DIRECTION, THAT THAT ONE ISSUE DOESN'T OCCUR. WE
6 WILL REPORT BACK ON THAT FOR YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN ON NO. 2, DIRECTIVE 2, THE USE OF
9 FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS APPROPRIATE TO HOMELESS TO ADDRESS THE
10 HOUSING NEEDS OF THOSE FAMILIES WHO DO NOT QUALIFY FOR WELFARE
11 ASSISTANCE, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE THIS AMENDMENT. "IT'S
12 IMPORTANT FOR OUR COUNTY TO MAXIMIZE THE OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED
13 BY H.R.1 THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT. THE
14 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS LEGISLATION WILL OCCUR THROUGHOUT THE
15 NEXT FEW MONTHS. THE USE OF THESE FUNDS MUST BE THOROUGHLY AND
16 COMPREHENSIVELY PLANNED TO IDENTIFY THE POPULATIONS IN NEED OF
17 THIS TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND TO EFFECTIVELY SERVE THOSE WHO
18 ARE MOST LIKELY TO BE STABILIZED AFTER THE PROGRAM CONCLUDES.
19 A NUMBER OF TARGETED POPULATIONS THAT L.A. COUNTY SERVE
20 THROUGH R.R. FUNDING INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO CALWORKS
21 PARTICIPANTS, GENERAL RELIEF PARTICIPANTS, INDIVIDUALS AND
22 FAMILIES WHO DON'T OTHERWISE QUALIFY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE,
23 TRANSITION AGE YOUTH, VETERANS, SENIORS AND THE HOMELESS.
24 FURTHERMORE THERE ARE VARIOUS FUNDING ALLOCATIONS APPROPRIATE
25 TO OUR COUNTY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO H.U.D. FUNDING FOR



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1 HOMELESS PREVENTION, RAPID REHOUSING WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT,
2 FUNDING FOR EMPLOYMENT TRAINING NEEDS, N.A.F. CONTINGENCY
3 FUNDS FOR SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT OF CALWORKS PARTICIPANTS,
4 COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANTS, SOCIAL SERVICES TO LOW INCOME
5 INDIVIDUALS, F.M.A.P. INCREASES FOR COUNTY AND PATIENT
6 HEALTHCARE SERVICES TO THE UNINSURED INDIGENT, F.M.A.P.
7 INCREASES FOR COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND F.M.A.P.
8 INCREASES FOR THE IN HOME SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM, F.M.A.P.
9 INCREASES FOR TITLE 4-E, THE CARE, MAINTENANCE AND ADOPTION
10 ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS AND AS YET UNSPECIFIED APPROPRIATIONS FOR
11 FOOD STAMPS AND MEDI-CAL. WHILE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS NOT
12 YET ISSUED THE GUIDELINES FOR THESE TYPES OF R.F. FUNDING,
13 PLANNING IS CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE WITHIN EACH OF OUR COUNTIES
14 CLUSTER CONFIGURATIONS. HOWEVER, THE PLANNING APPEARS TO BE
15 FOCUSED ON R.F. FUNDING CATEGORIES RATHER THAN ELIGIBLE
16 TARGETED POPULATIONS. THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING APPROACH
17 SHOULD FOCUS ON THE VARIOUS NEEDS OF OUR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL
18 OR FAMILIES AS NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT, 1, R.F. FUNDS ARE
19 MAXIMIZED AND EXPENDED IN THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER; 2,
20 THE GREATEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARE SERVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
21 THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM; AND 3, R.F. SERVICES ARE
22 INTEGRATED, STREAMLINED AND NOT DUPLICATED; AND 4, FRAUDULENT
23 USES OF R.F. FUNDING ARE REDUCED OR PREVENTED." SO I MOVE THAT
24 THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK IN 14
25 DAYS ON 1, THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE MATRIX THAT



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1 IDENTIFIES THE FULL MENU OF R.F. FUNDED SERVICES AVAILABLE TO
2 EACH ELIGIBLE TARGET POPULATION TO ENABLE EFFECTIVE STRATEGIC
3 PLANNING FOR MOST APPROPRIATE SERVICES TO AN ELIGIBLE
4 INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY; THE PROJECTED OUTCOMES OF EACH R.F.
5 ELIGIBLE TARGETED POPULATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL
6 GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF R.F. FUNDS, AND, 3, SPECIFIC PLAN
7 FOR COMPREHENSIVE DATA TRACKING TO IDENTIFY, REDUCE OR PREVENT
8 FRAUDULENT USES OF R.F. FUNDING." SO THAT WOULD BE THE
9 AMENDMENT TO DIRECTIVE 2.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE HAVE A COUPLE
12 OF PEOPLE THAT WISH TO TESTIFY. I'M GOING TO ASK THEM TO COME
13 UP AND JOIN US. ALICIA LARA, DORA LUNA, JEFF DRONKERS AND KRIS
14 FREED, IF THEY'D COME UP AND JOIN US, PLEASE. MISS LARA, IF
15 YOU WOULD BEGIN.

16

17 **ALICIA LARA:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE; MY NAME IS ALICIA LARA
18 FROM UNITED WAY OF GREATER LOS ANGELES. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF
19 SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S RESOLUTION. WE ALL KNOW THAT THIS IS AN
20 EXTRAORDINARILY DIFFICULT TIME, AND I'M NOT GOING TO BORE YOU
21 WITH THE DATA. YOU SEE IT EVERY DAY. WE FEEL IT IN COMMUNITIES
22 EVERY SINGLE DAY, AS I KNOW YOU DO IN YOUR CONSTITUENCIES.
23 POVERTY, AND THE THING THAT UNITED WAY IS FOCUSED ON IS
24 POVERTY, WHICH IS WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE, HAS PROFOUND
25 LONG TERM IMPACTS ON FAMILIES AND CHILDREN. AND SO THE FOCUS,



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1 I THINK, FOR TODAY IS TO LOOK AT HOW THE COUNTY CAN PROVIDE
2 SUPPORT IN A TEMPORARY FASHION. I THINK THAT WHAT WE WANT TO
3 UNDERSTAND IS THAT PEOPLE WANT TO WORK. THEY WANT TO SUPPORT
4 THEIR FAMILIES. THEY TAKE NO PRIDE IN GOING TO THE COUNTY FOR
5 SUPPORT. BY THE TIME THEY GO TO THE COUNTY, I'M SURE THAT
6 THEY'VE EXHAUSTED FAMILY CONNECTIONS, THEIR CHURCHES, THEIR
7 TEMPLES, WHATEVER THEIR FAITH MAY BE FOR THAT SUPPORT. SO YOU
8 HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THE SUPPORT FROM THE COUNTY BEING AS A
9 LAST RESORT. AND I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT. I THINK THE OTHER
10 THING TO DO IS TO LOOK AT-- PEOPLE ARE STEPPING UP. THE
11 NONPROFIT COMMUNITY IS DOING EVERYTHING IT CAN UNDER THE
12 CIRCUMSTANCES AND LOSING A LOT OF MONEY, AS WE ARE. BUT,
13 STILL, THEY CONTINUE TO PROVIDE EXTRAORDINARY SUPPORT TO
14 PEOPLE. WE'RE WORKING ON THINGS LIKE THE EARNED INCOME TAX
15 CREDIT. WE TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN BEING THE COUNTY'S PARTNER ON
16 THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT AND LOOKING AT ACTUAL INCREASES
17 IN UPTAKE OF WORKING CLASS AND POOR FAMILIES IN E.I.T.C. AND
18 THAT HELPS. BUT WE HAVE TO LOOK AT WHAT THE COUNTY CAN
19 PROVIDE. AND I KNOW EACH OF YOU INDIVIDUALLY HAS PROVIDED A
20 TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF LEADERSHIP ON ALL KINDS OF ISSUES THAT
21 IMPACT POVERTY IN YOUR COMMUNITIES, WHETHER IT BE HOMELESSNESS
22 OR HEALTHCARE, ANY OF THOSE THINGS. BUT NOW WHAT THE COMMUNITY
23 IS LOOKING FOR IS YOUR COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP. AND I HOPE THAT
24 YOU WILL DO THAT. I'M VERY SENSITIVE TO THE ISSUES THAT ARE
25 RELATED TO COST. SO WE SHOULD REALLY VIEW THIS AS VERY



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1 TEMPORARY. WE SHOULD LOOK AT OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY
2 TO DO THINGS AS EFFECTIVELY AS POSSIBLE. AND NOT JUST ASK
3 TAXPAYERS TO COME UP WITH THE MONEY. AND I KNOW THAT YOU DO
4 THAT. SO I DO HOPE THAT YOU WILL SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THIS AND
5 THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT THE SUPERVISOR'S RESOLUTION. AND I
6 APPRECIATE ALL YOUR LEADERSHIP AND I DO HOPE THAT ALL OF YOU
7 WILL COLLECTIVELY TAKE THAT POSITION AND BE OF SUPPORT TO THE
8 PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. MISS LUNA?

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12 **DORA LUNA:** YES, GOOD MORNING. I'M ALSO HERE TO TESTIFY IN
13 FAVOR OF THIS RESOLUTION. I WORK WITH NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL. I'M
14 AN ATTORNEY AT NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES OF LOS ANGELES
15 COUNTY. AND EVERY YEAR WE SERVE OVER 100,000 INDIVIDUALS,
16 CLIENTS. IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS, WE HAVE SEEN DEFINITELY A
17 RISE IN THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO
18 HAVE A NEED FOR GOVERNMENT BENEFITS, INCLUDING CALWORKS AND
19 FOOD STAMP BENEFITS. AND WE'RE SEEING A LOT OF STORIES LIKE
20 THE ONE THAT WAS FEATURED IN THE PAPER WHERE INDIVIDUALS WHO,
21 FOR EXAMPLE, MAY HAVE AN AUTOMOBILE THAT'S WORTH MORE THAN THE
22 \$4,650 LIMIT FOR CALWORKS BENEFITS. IF THE CAR IS WORTH MAYBE
23 \$7,000, IT CAN BE A VERY OLD CAR. THE PERSON OR THE FAMILY IS
24 NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE CALWORKS BENEFITS TO WHICH THEY
25 WOULD OTHERWISE BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE. THE SAME HOLDS TRUE



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1 FOR A LOT OF FOOD STAMPS. INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE QUALIFYING FOR
2 FOOD STAMPS ARE JUST LOOKING TO FEED THEIR FAMILIES. THERE IS
3 A PROCESS WITH ANY PROGRAMS ASSOCIATED WITH REMOVING CERTAIN
4 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, BUT I THINK THAT WHAT THE ANALYSIS
5 THAT HAS TO HAPPEN IS THE ANALYSIS OF COST AND BENEFIT. THERE
6 IS SOME LIMITED MONETARY COSTS, BUT THE BENEFIT WOULD BE THE
7 PURCHASING POWER FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES, FAMILIES WHO
8 WOULD BE RECEIVING THE FOOD STAMP BENEFITS, AND THE
9 STIMULATION OF THE ECONOMY WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THERE
10 ARE NUMEROUS STUDIES THAT CITE TO THESE ISSUES AND HOW THE
11 COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS ACTUALLY FALLS ON THE BENEFIT SIDE. IN
12 ADDITION, THERE IS A HUGE BENEFIT IN KEEPING FAMILIES IN THEIR
13 HOMES SO THAT THEY DO NOT BECOME HOMELESS AND DO NOT LOSE
14 THEIR APARTMENTS. THE COST TO THE COUNTY VERSUS THE BENEFIT
15 ALSO FALLS IN THE ARENA OF TRAINING AND RETRAINING. IF WE GET
16 MORE FAMILIES QUALIFIED FOR CALWORKS BENEFITS, CALWORKS, AS
17 YOU KNOW, HAS THIS MANDATORY WORK REQUIREMENT, TRAINING
18 REQUIREMENT, SO THAT FAMILIES WHO MAY NOT HAVE THE NECESSARY
19 SKILLS TO FIND THAT NEXT JOB WILL RECEIVE THIS TRAINING AND
20 EDUCATION. I THINK THAT ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT WOULD REALLY
21 HELP IN ORDER TO GET MORE FAMILIES ON CALWORKS BENEFITS WOULD
22 BE THE REMOVAL OF THE AUTOMOBILE RESOURCE TEST OF 4,650 VALUE
23 FOR THE CAR, WHICH DOESN'T REALLY BUY YOU MUCH VEHICLE. THIS
24 LIMIT HAS BEEN IN EFFECT FOR A VERY LONG TIME, SINCE AT LEAST
25 THE EARLY '90S. IN ADDITION, THERE'S THE INDIVIDUAL FAMILIES



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1 CAN HAVE NO MORE THAN \$2,000 IN THEIR ACCOUNTS IN ORDER TO
2 QUALIFY FOR BENEFITS OR ANY TYPE OF RESOURCES. SO IF I'M
3 SAVING MONEY FOR MY CHILD'S EDUCATION OR FOR AN EMERGENCY, AND
4 I HAVE MORE THAN \$2,000, I DO NOT QUALIFY FOR EITHER FOOD
5 STAMPS OR BENEFITS. ALSO, THE APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY TEST, THE
6 MINIMUM BASIC STANDARD OF CARE IS VERY, VERY LOW FOR
7 QUALIFYING FOR CALWORKS. SO IF THOSE THREE ISSUES WERE
8 ADDRESSED, THAT WOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS HELPING GET MORE
9 PEOPLE ON AID.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. MR. DRONKERS.

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13 **JEFF DRONKERS:** THANK YOU. AGAIN I'M HERE TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR
14 MOLINA'S RESOLUTION. AT THE FOOD BANK, AGAIN I'M SORRY MY NAME
15 IS JEFF DRONKERS, I WORK AT THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL FOOD
16 BANK. WE SERVE 700,000 OF PEOPLE ANNUALLY. WE LOOK AT IT AS A
17 TOOLBOX. IF I SAT BEFORE YOU A YEAR AGO AT THIS TIME, THE
18 TOOLBOX REALLY HADN'T CHANGED WITHIN THE SPAN OF ABOUT 10
19 YEARS. AND THE SPRING, ABOUT A YEAR AGO THIS TIME, WE NOTICED
20 THAT THE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY, THINGS HAVE BEGUN TO CHANGE.
21 THINGS THAT WERE HAPPENING IN PEOPLE'S LIVES BEGAN TO CHANGE.
22 WE NOTICED THAT WE NEEDED TO CHANGE THE TOOLS IN THE TOOLBOX.
23 AND WITHIN OUR TOOLS AT THE FOOD BANK, WE HAVE A FEDERAL
24 COMMODITIES PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES U.S.D.A. COMMODITIES WEEKLY.
25 WE HAVE A SENIOR PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES COMMODITIES BY THE



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1 U.S.D.A. WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY. AND WE BEGAN TO NOTICE THAT THERE
2 WAS AN INCREASED UP TICK IN WHAT WE WERE SEEING AT THE FOOD
3 BANK. IF YOU COMPARE JANUARY OF 2008 WITH JANUARY OF 2009,
4 THERE'S A 36 PERCENT BUMP IN WHAT WE'VE SEEN. WE SERVED
5 150,000 PEOPLE IN JANUARY OF '08 AND WE'RE SERVING 205,000
6 PEOPLE IN JANUARY OF 2009. I BROUGHT MY TEAM TOGETHER IN THE
7 EARLY FALL OF LAST YEAR, BECAUSE WE HAD TO CHANGE THE TOOLS IN
8 THE TOOLBOX. THE TOOLS THAT WE HAD WEREN'T SUFFICIENT TO
9 PROVIDE WHAT WE NEEDED IN THE COMMUNITY AT THAT TIME. ONE OF
10 THE THINGS THAT WE BEGAN TO LOBBY HARD FOR IN D.C. WAS
11 IMPROVEMENT OF WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN IN THE ECONOMIC
12 STIMULUS PACKAGE. AND WITH A LOT OF HARD WORK, WE SAW THE
13 FRUITION OF WHAT WE DID, A LOT OF HARD WORK THAT WE PUT INTO
14 THAT. 150 MILLION OVER THE SPAN OF TWO YEARS, AND WE WERE ABLE
15 TO ADD MORE TOOLS INTO THE TOOLBOX. WE'RE SEEING THE FRUITS OF
16 OUR LABOR AS FAR AS SEEING MORE COMMODITIES IN OUR T.F.A.T.
17 COMMODITIES PROGRAM. THE 275 FOOD PANTRIES THAT SERVE THESE
18 205,000 PEOPLE WITHIN THE COUNTY ARE SEEING MORE FOOD. WITHOUT
19 THAT FOOD, THEY'RE NOT ABLE TO DO THEIR JOBS. SO WHEN WE LOOK
20 AT OUR TOOLBOX, OUR TOOLBOX IS AS FULL AS IT CAN BE. WHAT WE
21 TRY AND DO IS WE TAKE THE TOOLS AND WE ACTUALLY TRY AND
22 PROVIDE THOSE TOOLS AND SAY "LOOK AT THE COUNTY. THEY HAVE A
23 GREAT TOOLBOX." THE FOOD STAMP BENEFIT WENT UP APRIL 1ST.
24 THEY'RE PROVIDING EXTRA FOOD STAMP BENEFITS. WHAT WE'RE
25 LOOKING TO DO IS TRY TO GET MORE PEOPLE ONTO THE FOOD STAMP



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1 PROGRAM. ANYTHING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CAN DO TO
2 INCREASE THE TOOLS IN THE TOOLBOX, WE ARE FOR. AND WE REALLY
3 WOULD LIKE YOU GUYS TO CONSIDER ANY TYPE OF RESOLUTION THAT
4 WOULD INCREASE THOSE TOOLS. THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. KRIS FREED.

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8 **KRIS FREED:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS KRIS FREED. I WORK WITH
9 L.A. FAMILY HOUSING. FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, WE'VE BEEN SEEING AN
10 ALARMING INCREASE IN FAMILIES THAT HAVE LOST THEIR HOUSING OR
11 ARE ON THE VERGE OF LOSING THEIR HOUSING DUE TO UNEMPLOYMENT.
12 MANY ARE RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, BUT THOSE BENEFITS,
13 IF YOU HAVE EVER BEEN FORCED TO RELY ON THEM, ARE NOT
14 SUFFICIENT TO MAINTAIN A HOUSEHOLD. IT ISN'T LONG BEFORE THEY
15 FIND THEMSELVES IN DANGER OF BECOMING HOMELESS BECAUSE THEY
16 COULDN'T AFFORD TO PAY THEIR RENT OR MORTGAGE AND FEED THEIR
17 FAMILY AND PAY THEIR HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES AT THE SAME TIME. WITH
18 UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, THE SIMPLE OWNERSHIP OF A FAMILY CAR
19 DISALLOWS YOU FROM RECEIVING THOSE BENEFITS THROUGH PROGRAMS
20 SUCH AS THE CALWORKS PROGRAM. THEY FALL INTO THE GAP OF HAVING
21 INSUFFICIENT INCOME TO MAINTAIN HOUSING WHILE BEING TOLD THEY
22 DON'T QUALIFY FOR ASSISTANCE THAT WOULD PREVENT THEM FROM
23 BECOMING HOMELESS. THERE IS A TREMENDOUS DEMAND ON THE
24 EMERGENCY SHELTERS RIGHT NOW. ANYTHING THAT CAN BE DONE TO
25 HELP FAMILIES FROM BECOMING HOMELESS WOULD NOT ONLY ALLEVIATE



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1 THE STRAIN ON THE LIMITED RESOURCES FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES BUT
2 WOULD KEEP MANY FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN FROM EXPERIENCING
3 THE TRAUMA AND INSTABILITY OF LIVING ON THE STREET OR IN THEIR
4 CAR WHILE THEY WAIT FOR A SPACE TO OPEN IN ONE OF THE FEW
5 SHELTERS IN THE CITY. WE ARE ALSO IN FAVOR OF DOING WHATEVER
6 IT TAKES TO KEEP THESE FAMILIES OUT OF THE HOMELESS SYSTEM. I
7 DON'T HAVE AN ACTUAL PERCENTAGE RIGHT NOW BECAUSE IT'S SO NEW.
8 BUT I DID HEAR RECENTLY SOMEONE QUOTE THAT THERE'S A 400
9 PERCENT INCREASE OF FAMILIES THAT ARE EXPERIENCING
10 HOMELESSNESS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. AND I CAN TELL YOU
11 THAT OUR WAITING LIST IN BOTH OF THE FAMILY PROGRAMS THAT I
12 OVERSEE HAVE INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY. I HAVE APPROXIMATELY 200
13 PLUS FAMILIES ON WAITING LISTS. SO ANYTHING THAT CAN BE DONE
14 TO HELP WOULD GREATLY BE APPRECIATED. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. THIS
17 ITEM, WE DECIDED TO PUT IN AND WE MAKE THIS REQUEST, AND
18 BASICALLY ALL IT DOES IS ASKING OUR LOBBYIST TO BEGIN THE
19 PROCESS OF ASKING FOR TEMPORARY WAIVERS. FOR THE FIRST TIME, I
20 THINK MANY FAMILIES ARE FEELING THE BRUNT OF PROBABLY THE
21 WORST RECESSION THAT WE'VE EVER HAD HERE IN THIS COUNTRY. AND,
22 VERY, FRANKLY, FAMILIES THAT HAVE ALWAYS LOOKED AT THE SAFETY
23 NET BEING THERE FOR SOMEONE ELSE ARE NOW HAVING TO GO AND
24 APPROACH OUR WELFARE OFFICES, STAND IN LINE AND FIND
25 THEMSELVES BEING DENIED. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE



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1 COUNTY'S RECEIVED OVER 7,000 NEW APPLICATIONS A MONTH FOR
2 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, A MAJORITY OF THEM ARE BEING DENIED, AGAIN
3 FOR MANY OF THE REASONS THAT WERE STATED HERE TODAY, BECAUSE
4 OF THE LEGAL SITUATION AS WELL AS HAVING SOME SAVINGS. AND,
5 VERY, FRANKLY, THESE FAMILIES ARE IN TOUGH SITUATIONS, TRYING
6 TO FIND A NEW JOB AS THEY'VE LOST THEIR LAST JOB, AND TRYING
7 TO STILL PAY THEIR RENT, CERTAINLY KEEP FOOD ON THE TABLE, AND
8 MAINTAIN THEIR CHILDREN AND SO ON. SO I THINK THAT THIS IS
9 JUST THE BEGINNING OF A PROCESS THAT WE'RE GOING TO HOPEFULLY
10 GET SOME ENGAGEMENT FROM THE STATE AS WELL AS THE FEDERAL
11 LEVEL TO GET THE KIND OF TEMPORARY WAIVERS THAT WE NEED SO WE
12 CAN PROVIDE SOME ASSISTANCE TO MANY OF THESE FAMILIES WHO FIND
13 THEMSELVES IN THIS SITUATION. YOU KNOW, OUR COUNTRY HAS BEEN
14 FACING THIS KIND OF ECONOMIC PROBLEM FOR MONTHS NOW, AND VERY,
15 FRANKLY, EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT BAILING OUT THE BANKS,
16 BAILING OUT THE BIG CAR COMPANIES. BUT IN MANY INSTANCES, WE
17 HAVE FORGOTTEN MANY OF THESE FAMILIES. AND SO IT'S OUR
18 OPPORTUNITY TO HOPEFULLY ASK THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, STATE
19 GOVERNMENT, ALONG WITH THE COUNTY FOR A VERY MINIMAL COST TO
20 START INCREASING THE BENEFITS THAT GO AND GIVE A BAIL OUT TO
21 MANY OF THESE FAMILIES THAT ARE IN NEED. SO THE ITEM IS BEFORE
22 US. IT HAS BEEN AMENDED BY MYSELF AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SPLIT THE QUESTION. SO ON ONE, I WOULD LIKE
25 TO ABSTAIN BUT VOTE YES ON 2.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY?

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO SPLIT THE QUESTION. ABSTAIN
5 ON 1 AND VOTE YES ON 2.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THAT'S FINE. ANY OTHER COMMENT OR
8 QUESTION? IF NOT, LET'S DO THAT. SO YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOTE FOR
9 THE AMENDMENT AND ON THE ORIGINAL MOTION, SEPARATE OUT 1 AND
10 2?

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** VOTE ON ALL AMENDMENTS. DIRECTIVE 1 TO
13 ABSTAIN AND DIRECTIVE 2 TO SUPPORT.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK WITH THAT NOTED, THERE WOULD BE NO
16 PROBLEM, RIGHT? ABSTENTION ITEM 1 BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. ON
17 THE REST OF THE ITEM BEFORE US. SO IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION,
18 THAT ITEM IS APPROVED. THANK YOU. NEXT ITEM? IT IS 11 O'CLOCK.
19 ALL RIGHT. LET'S GO TO OUR SET ITEMS. S-1. WE'LL BEGIN WITH
20 THAT. I'M GOING TO ASK THE FOLKS, MARTHA AND OTHERS, TO COME
21 UP AND JOIN US FOR A PRESENTATION ON THE GRAND AVENUE PROJECT.
22 IF WE COULD GET SOMEBODY TO PLEASE OPEN THE LITTLE LOCK OVER
23 THERE? THERE WE GO. I THINK WE HAVE SOME SLIDES. DO WE HAVE
24 SOMEONE WHO WILL OPERATE THAT BACK THERE?

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1 **MARTHA WELLBOURNE:** READY?

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3 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK SO. I THINK THEY'RE JUST WAITING TO SET
4 UP ALL RIGHT. MARTHA, WHY DON'T YOU BEGIN, THEN?

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6 **MARTHA WELLBOURNE:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I'M MARTHA
7 WELLBOURNE, I'M THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE GRAND AVENUE
8 COMMITTEE, AND WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO BRING THE SCHEMATIC
9 DESIGN PHASE DOCUMENTS FOR THE CIVIC PARK TO YOU TODAY. AS YOU
10 PROBABLY KNOW IN THE DESIGN PROCESS, THE SCHEMATIC DESIGN
11 PHASE IS THE INITIAL PHASE OF DESIGN. IT REPRESENTS THE FIRST
12 20 PERCENT OF THE DESIGN WORK. SO WHILE WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO
13 GO BEFORE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS ARE COMPLETE, THIS PHASE IS
14 AN IMPORTANT JUNCTURE AND SETS THE DIRECTION FOR FURTHER
15 REFINEMENT IN THE NEXT TWO PHASES OF DESIGN, WHICH WILL BE
16 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT AND FINAL CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS. THE CIVIC
17 PARK DESIGN AGREEMENT, WHICH IS BETWEEN THE JOINT POWERS
18 AUTHORITY AND THE DEVELOPER, REQUIRES THAT SCHEMATIC DESIGN
19 MUST BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THREE BOARDS: THE COMMUNITY
20 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE
21 JOINT POWERS BOARD. THAT AGREEMENT ALSO REQUIRES THAT THE
22 C.R.A. AND THE COUNTY REVIEW SCHEMATIC DESIGN BEFORE THE
23 J.P.A. BOARD TAKES ACTION. I'M PLEASED TO TELL YOU THAT LAST
24 THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND, THE C.R.A. BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUS APPROVAL
25 OF THE SCHEMATIC DESIGN PHASE. AND TODAY WE'D LIKE TO GIVE YOU



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1 FIRST A BRIEF PRESENTATION OF THE DESIGN AND THEN WE'RE ALL
2 HERE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS. I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE MY
3 COLLEAGUE MARK RIOS, OUR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, TO PRESENT THE
4 DESIGN.

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6 **MARK RIOS:** THANK YOU, MARTHA. WE'RE ALL VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE
7 PROPOSED SCHEMATIC DESIGN FOR THE CIVIC PARK. WE BELIEVE THIS
8 IS GOING TO BE A REALLY INCREDIBLE ADDITION TO OUR CITY. AND A
9 GREAT DRAW FOR DOWNTOWN. THIS PLAN REPRESENTS THE FOUR-BLOCK
10 AREA OF THE DESIGN, BASICALLY LINKING GRAND AVENUE DOWN TO
11 CITY HALL. THE OVERALL AREA OF THE PARK IS 16 ACRES. AND THE
12 NEW PROPOSED DESIGN ADDS ABOUT 2 MORE ACRES OVER THE EXISTING
13 OPEN SPACE AND ABOUT 50 PERCENT MORE PLANTED OR SOFT SCAPE
14 AREA. SO WE'RE WORKING HARD TO MAKE THE PARK GREENER AND TO
15 PROVIDE FOR LOTS OF ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE PARK. THERE ARE TWO
16 OR THREE MAIN GOALS THAT WE'VE ESTABLISHED FOR THE DESIGN OF
17 THE PARK. THE FIRST ONE AND VERY IMPORTANT IS TO LINK THE PARK
18 TO THE CITY. ALL OF US, I THINK, KNOW THE EXISTING PARK IS
19 SOMEWHAT HIDDEN BY BUILDINGS AND BY GRADE CHANGES. AND SO PART
20 OF THE DESIGN HAS REALLY WORKED TO MAKE STRONGER CONNECTIONS
21 TO GRAND AVENUE, TO HILL, TO BROADWAY, SPRING STREETS, REALLY
22 INCREASE THE VISIBILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY FROM THE CITY INTO
23 THE PARK AREA. THE SECOND GOAL FOR THE PROJECT IS TO TIE IT,
24 TO MAKE IT ONE PARK. RIGHT NOW, IT FEELS LIKE IT'S TWO OR
25 THREE PARTICULAR SPACES. THE COUNTY MALL PARK, THE COURT OF



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1 FLAGS AND THE EXISTING PARKING LOT. AND OUR GOAL IS TO MAKE IT
2 FEEL LIKE IT'S ONE PLACE, HAS A STRONG IMAGE. YOU COME TO IT
3 TO SEE ACTIVITIES AND YOU MOVE GRACIOUSLY FROM BLOCK TO BLOCK.
4 BUT IT FEELS LIKE ONE PARK. SO I'D LIKE TO GO THROUGH SOME
5 IMAGES WITH YOU OF THE OVERALL PROJECT. HERE IS A MODEL. AND
6 THIS MODEL SHOT IS TAKEN STANDING ON THE MUSIC CENTER PLAZA
7 LOOKING ONTO GRAND, SEEING THE FOUNTAIN AND CITY HALL BEHIND
8 YOU. HERE WE'RE SPENDING CONSIDERABLE EFFORT TO REMOVE THE
9 EXISTING RAMPS, THE INGRESS AND EXIT RAMPS FOR THE PARKING
10 STRUCTURE, MOVING THEM TO THE FAR RIGHT. THIS IS THE NEW ENTRY
11 RAMP, THE NEW EXIT RAMP. AND SPANNING OVER THAT LOCATION WITH
12 A SERIES OF TERRACES AND STEPS SO THE VIEW CAN BE ACQUIRED
13 DOWN THE FOUNTAIN. YOU CAN SEE THE FOUNTAIN BY GRAND AVENUE.
14 IT'S EASY TO GET TO IT. IT REALLY MAKES A CONNECTION FROM
15 GRAND AVENUE INTO THE PARK MUCH, MUCH EASIER. AT THE FOUNTAIN,
16 WE'RE LOOKING AT MOVING THE STAR STARBUCKS FROM ITS CURRENT
17 LOCATION OVER HERE TO A MUCH CLOSER PROXIMITY WITH THE
18 FOUNTAIN SO THAT THERE IS A MUCH GREATER SENSE OF LIFE AND
19 ENTERTAINMENT AROUND THAT ACTIVITY POINT. HERE IS THE PLAN OF
20 THAT UPPER AREA, SHOWING THE NEW STEPS AND CONNECTIONS TO
21 GRAND AVENUE. THE NEW RAMPS, THE FOUNTAIN ITSELF IS BEING
22 RENOVATED AND RESTORED. AND WE'RE ALSO EXTENDING THE LOWER
23 BASE AND ADDING AN INTERACTIVE PLAY FOUNTAIN FOR FAMILIES TO
24 USE. AND HERE'S A POSSIBLE LOCATION FOR THE STARBUCKS. WE'RE
25 STUDYING THIS LOCATION AND ANOTHER LOCATION OVER HERE BY THE



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1 FOUNTAIN. AND A MODEL SHOT SHOWING THOSE STAIRS AND TERRACES.
2 THE RENOVATED FOUNTAIN WITH THE NEW INTERACTIVE FOUNTAIN AT
3 THE BASE OF IT. AND HERE'S AN IMAGE OF WHAT THAT MIGHT LOOK
4 LIKE LOOKING BACK AT THE GRAND AVENUE. THE CENTER OF THE
5 EXISTING SPACE AT THE COUNTY PARK IS A VERY LARGE PAVED AREA
6 THAT DOESN'T HAVE A LOT OF SCALE TO IT. THE EXISTING STARBUCKS
7 IS HERE. WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE THIS MORE OF A LANDSCAPED COURT.
8 WE'RE ADDING TREES AND SEATING ON BOTH SIDES OF THAT, STILL
9 PROVIDING SPACE FOR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS THAT MIGHT HAPPEN.
10 BUT REALLY TRYING TO CHANGE THE SCALE. AND HERE'S AN IMAGE OF
11 THAT SHOWING THE NEW OLIVE TREES. A LOT OF THE EXISTING
12 STATUES AND ARTWORK THAT ARE IN THE PARK WILL BE RELOCATED TO
13 THIS AREA. AND WE WANT TO PROVIDE LOTS OF SEATING AND SHADED
14 AREAS WITHIN THE PARK AT THAT LOCATION. ADJACENT TO THAT,
15 WE'RE LOOKING AT REMOVING SOME OF THE EXISTING PATHS AND WALLS
16 AND BARRIERS THAT HAPPEN IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE CURRENT
17 MALL SPACE AND MAKING IT INTO A MUCH LARGER EVENT LAWN. THERE
18 WILL BE A STAGE AREA FOR PERFORMANCES. WE'RE LOOKING AT
19 CHILDREN'S GARDENS BEING ON THE SIDE OF THAT. THIS REALLY
20 HAPPENS TO BE THE SAFEST SPACE IN THE CIVIC PARK BECAUSE OF
21 ITS SEPARATION FROM TRAFFIC. SO WE REALLY WANT TO MAKE THIS
22 THE CENTER OF ALL THE FAMILY ACTIVITIES. THE EXISTING RAMPS
23 OFF OF HILL STREET WILL REMAIN; HOWEVER, WE'RE LANDSCAPING
24 THEM SO THAT THERE WILL BE MORE HIDDEN. AND WE REALLY WANT TO
25 BRING THE PARK TO THE STREET. RIGHT NOW THE RAMPS REALLY TEND



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1 TO ACT AS A BARRIER TO SEPARATE YOU FROM THE STREET. WE'D LIKE
2 TO MAKE IT FEEL LIKE THE PARK COMES ALL THE WAY OUT TO HILL
3 STREET. AND HERE IS AN IMAGE LOOKING AT THAT PERFORMANCE SPACE
4 USING THE GRADE CHANGES TO MAKE AMPHITHEATRE SEATING. WE WANT
5 TO HAVE A MORE GREEN AND MORE OPEN SPACE WITH A REALLY OPEN-
6 END TYPE OF USE IN THIS PARTICULAR AREA. AND HERE'S AN IMAGE
7 LOOKING AT SOME OF THE CHILDREN'S GARDENS ON THE SIDE OF IT
8 AND A VIEW LOOKING AT THAT PERFORMANCE LAWN. AGAIN, OPEN AND
9 GREEN. BY TAKING AWAY SOME OF THE WALLS AND STEPS, WE'RE
10 OPENING UP THE WALKWAY TO THE LAWN. SO YOU CAN MOVE DIRECTLY
11 FROM THAT WALKWAY SPACE INTO THE OPEN SPACES. RIGHT NOW THERE
12 ARE A LOT OF SEPARATIONS. THE COURT OF FLAGS IS BEING ENHANCED
13 AND REMODELED. THERE ARE THREE PARTS TO IT WHICH I WANT TO
14 TALK ABOUT. ON THE FIRST PART IS THE M.T.A. PLAZA. THE SECOND
15 IS A MULTICULTURAL GARDEN. AND THE THIRD IS THE NEW COURT OF
16 FLAGS LOCATION THAT REALLY HAS A TREMENDOUS VISIBILITY FOR
17 BROADWAY. AND WE'LL SEE WHERE THE FLAG POLES AND OTHER
18 MONUMENTS ARE BEING RELOCATED IN A MINUTE IN SOME SUBSEQUENT
19 IMAGES. SO HERE'S AN OVERVIEW OF THE MODEL. AGAIN, THE M.T.A.
20 PLAZA. THE M.T.A. IS PROPOSING A NEW COVERING OVER THEIR
21 SUBWAY ENTRANCE AT THIS POINT. AND WE'RE DOING SOME PEDESTRIAN
22 IMPROVEMENTS AT THAT PLAZA. WE HOPE TO ACTUALLY PROVIDE SOME
23 KIOSKS AND OTHER KINDS OF PEDESTRIAN AMENITIES. WE'RE LOOKING
24 AT TRYING TO MAKE THE EXISTING SPACE IN THE MIDDLE, WHICH WE
25 SENSE IS REALLY DETACHED FROM THE CITY. IT'S THE HARDEST PLACE



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1 TO SEE, INTO A MULTICULTURAL GARDEN TO REALLY CELEBRATE THE
2 DIVERSITY OF ALL OF US WHO LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. AND THEN
3 TAKING THE GRADE CHANGE THAT CURRENTLY EXISTS-- LET ME GO BACK
4 HERE-- BETWEEN THE COURT OF FLAGS AND BROADWAY AND DOING A
5 WHOLE SET OF LANDSCAPE BLEACHERS. THESE HAVE WAYS TO HAVE
6 A.D.A. ACCESS, ALSO FOR STROLLERS. THEY ALSO PROVIDE LOTS OF
7 SITTING AND PLACES TO HANG OUT SO THAT FROM BROADWAY YOU HAVE
8 A SENSE THAT THERE'S REALLY LIFE IN THE PARK. AND IT'S THIS
9 LOCATION WE'D LIKE TO PLACE ALL THE VETERANS' FLAGS FROM THE
10 COURT OF FLAGS. WE THINK THAT THIS LOCATION ACTUALLY HAS MORE
11 VISIBILITY AND PROMINENCE THAN ITS CURRENT LOCATION. AND I
12 THINK WILL REALLY TEND TO BE A REALLY GREAT WAY TO HONOR THOSE
13 FLAGS. AND HERE'S AN IMAGE OF Y BROADWAY LOOKING AT THOSE
14 TERRACE STEPS. LOTS OF PLACES FOR SITTING AND ACTIVITIES TO
15 HAPPEN ON THEM. AND FROM THIS MODEL SHOT, YOU CAN SEE
16 BROADWAY. WE'RE LOOKING AT TAKING THE FLAGS ACTUALLY ACROSS
17 THE STREET, ALSO AS A LINK. SO WHEN YOU DRIVE THROUGH
18 BROADWAY, YOU REALLY FEEL LIKE YOU'RE MOVING THROUGH THIS
19 COURT OF FLAGS. AND FINALLY HERE IS AN IMAGE OF LOOKING FROM
20 THE SUBWAY PLAZA THROUGH THE MULTICULTURAL GARDEN AND BACK
21 DOWN TO CITY HALL. THE LAST AREA IS A PROPOSED FLEXIBLE
22 PERFORMANCE LAWN. AND HERE WE'RE RENOVATING THE EXISTING
23 PARKING LOT, TRYING TO PROVIDE A REALLY LARGE SPACE FOR
24 PERFORMANCES, THEATERS, PUBLIC EVENTS THAT MIGHT HAPPEN HERE
25 FOR THE CITY. THIS SHOULD REALLY BECOME THE NEW FRONT LAWN FOR



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1 ALL ANGELINOS. WE'VE WORKED CLOSELY WITH NUMEROUS EVENT
2 PLANNERS TO REALLY UNDERSTAND ALL THE REQUIREMENTS AND NEEDS
3 TO MAKE THIS SPACE REALLY WORK. ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF IT, WE
4 HAVE A FLEXIBLE MARKETPLACE. TRUCKS CAN COME IN AND OUT OF
5 THIS SPACE ON A WEEKLY BASIS THAT MIGHT BE USED FOR FARMERS'
6 MARKET; BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHEN BIG EVENTS ARE IN THIS
7 SPACE, THIS IS WHERE ALL THE SUPPORT VEHICLES, MEDIA,
8 LIGHTING, INFORMATION, ALL THIS STAGING HAPPENS SO THAT WE
9 MAKE THIS PLACE AS EASY TO USE AS POSSIBLE. AND SOME IMAGES OF
10 BROADWAY, AGAIN THAT OPEN PERFORMANCE LAWN. AND HERE'S THE
11 FARMERS' MARKET SUPPORT SPACES ALONG THE EDGE. AND AN IMAGE OF
12 THAT LAWN SPACE LOOKING UP TO THE STEPS HERE, WHICH ACT AS
13 SORT OF BLEACHERS FOR BIG PERFORMANCES THAT MIGHT HAPPEN AND
14 THE D.W.P. IN THE DISTANCE. AND HERE AGAIN IS AN OVERALL MODEL
15 SHOT. AGAIN THE MAIN GOAL IS TO MAKE THE PARK VISIBLE,
16 EVERYBODY CAN GET TO IT, YOU CAN SEE IT, CORRECT ANY ISSUES AS
17 FAR AS GRADE CHANGE AND ACCESSIBILITY SO YOU CAN MOVE FROM
18 BASICALLY SPRING ALL THE WAY UP TO GRAND AVENUE EASILY AND TO
19 MAKE IT REALLY FEEL LIKE ONE BIG PUBLIC GARDEN. DO EVERYTHING
20 WE CAN TO TRY TO TIE THESE SPACES TOGETHER THROUGH WALKWAYS
21 AND PROMENADES SO THAT THE CITY BENEFITS FROM HAVING A REALLY
22 FANTASTIC CENTRAL PUBLIC PARK.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MARK. I THINK THAT ONE OF THE EXCITING
25 OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE HAVE HERE IS WHAT MARK HAS SAID, IS TO



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1 CREATE A GARDEN AREA IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. TO CREATE A
2 PEDESTRIAN ORIENTATION WHERE PEOPLE CAN COME, HAVE A WIDE
3 RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES, TO TAKE A WALK, SIT BY THE WATER, TO
4 HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PERFORMANCE. THERE'S SO MANY
5 OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE HAVE HERE, AND OF COURSE TO EXPAND THE
6 ENTIRE GREEN AREA. WE'RE KIND OF VERY EXCITED ABOUT IT. IN
7 MANY WAYS I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT MARK HAS DONE. I THINK
8 WHAT I ASKED HIM AND I SAID WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO?
9 AND I'M SAYING GREEN. THAT'S WHAT I WANT. I'D LIKE TREES. I'D
10 LIKE TO BE ABLE TO TAKE A WALK. I'D LIKE TO SEE PEOPLE GO OUT
11 THERE AND ENJOY THEIR LUNCH AND TAKE A STROLL IN THE MIDDLE OF
12 THE DAY, AND HAVE VARIOUS KINDS OF OPPORTUNITIES AND
13 PARTICULARLY TO OPEN IT UP TO PEDESTRIANS AND CHILDREN AND
14 MANY OTHERS. UNFORTUNATELY THIS SPACE HAS JUST NOT BEEN
15 UTILIZED THROUGHOUT THE DECADES, I GUESS, AS IT COULD BE. SO
16 WE HAVE A REAL OPPORTUNITY. WE APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT MARK
17 HAS DONE. WE APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT RELATED HAS DONE TO HELP
18 US IN THIS REGARD. THIS PROJECT IS COMING IN ON BUDGET. WE
19 ONLY HAVE SO MUCH MONEY THAT WE CAN SPEND. THE VERY EXCITING
20 PART OF IT IS THE OPENING UP THROUGHOUT GRAND AVENUE AND ALL
21 THE WAY ACROSS, SO THERE'S REAL ORIENTATION TO REALLY CREATE A
22 CIVIC CENTER AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE TO COME DOWN. OUR
23 FOUNTAIN IS HISTORIC. WE ARE TAKING CARE OF IT AND EXPANDING
24 THE OPPORTUNITIES OF WATER, ADDING FEATURES TO IT WHICH ARE
25 VERY NICE. AND REALLY HAVING AN OPPORTUNITY TO, AS THE YEARS



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1 GO ON, HOPEFULLY WE WILL FIND NEW FUNDS AND NEW DOLLARS TO ADD
2 TO IT. BUT I THINK THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF IT IS BEING
3 TAKEN CARE OF NOW, AND THAT IS TO ADD THE LANDSCAPING, THE
4 TREES, THE PEDESTRIAN ORIENTATION MORE IMPORTANTLY, TO REALLY
5 OPEN IT UP TO ALL ANGELINOS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT
6 CAN COME IN AND SEE A BEAUTIFUL PART OF DOWNTOWN. HOPEFULLY
7 EVENTUALLY AS SOME OF THESE BUILDINGS MOVE ON, WE WILL BE ABLE
8 TO EXPAND THE OPPORTUNITY OF MORE GREEN SPACE IN DOWNTOWN LOS
9 ANGELES AND REMIND EVERYBODY THAT WE ARE ALL HERE AND HAVE AN
10 OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE IN THE GREEN, AS WELL AS EVERYONE WOULD
11 LIKE TO. SO I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE. MARTHA AND THE GRAND
12 AVENUE COMMITTEE FOR BEING PART OF IT. I'M VERY PROUD OF THE
13 PROJECT MOVING FORWARD. SO IT IS HERE BEFORE US. I DON'T KNOW
14 IF THE MEMBERS HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OF OUR PANEL? MR.
15 ANTONOVICH.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAME CHAIRMAN, HOW DID YOU INTERFACE WITH
18 THE DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS
19 ANGELES AND THE COUNTY'S VETERANS COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE
20 COURT OF FLAGS ISSUE?

21

22 **MARTHA WELLSBOURNE:** WE HAVE NOT YET INTERFACED WITH THEM. I'M
23 VERY PLEASED TO SEE THAT THERE'S A DELEGATION HERE. AS I
24 MENTIONED IN MY OPENING REMARKS, WE'RE AT THE FIRST PHASE OF



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1 DESIGN, WHICH REPRESENTS ABOUT 20 PERCENT. IT'S AN IMPORTANT
2 STEP. BUT WE WOULD LOVE TO MEET WITH THEM AS WE GO FORWARD.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO MEET WITH THEM
5 FIRST? I DON'T SEE THE COUNTY BEING EMPHASIZED, LIKE THE
6 CITY'S USING THE COUNTY'S PROPERTY FOR ALL THIS.

7

8 **MARTHA WELLSBOURNE:** ALL I CAN DO IS APOLOGIZE THAT WE HAVE NOT
9 MET WITH THEM BEFORE NOW. BUT WE WOULD LOVE TO MEET WITH THEM
10 GOING FORWARD.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT WAS YOUR DIALOGUE WITH THE UKRAINE
13 COMMITTEE BECAUSE OF THE GENOCIDE PLAQUE THAT WAS
14 COMMEMORATED?

15

16 **MARTHA WELLSBOURNE:** THE WOMAN THAT HAD THE DIALOGUE WITH THEM
17 IS NOT UP HERE. (INAUDIBLE COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE).

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY HAVE AN ASSOCIATION WHO SPONSORED THAT.
20 I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THEY ALSO BE IN CLOSE--

21

22 **MARTHA WELLSBOURNE:** YES, ABSOLUTELY. AND THE LAST
23 CORRESPONDENCE THEY HAD WITH HER VIA EMAIL WAS THAT WE WOULD
24 BE COMMENCING THE NEXT PHASE OF THE DESIGN DURING APRIL, AND
25 THAT AT THAT TIME WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH THEM AND



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1 DISCUSS WHAT THEIR INTEREST IN THE MONUMENT IS AND HOW WE CAN
2 ACCOMMODATE THEIR INTEREST.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE VIETNAM VETERANS, HAVE YOU MET WITH
5 THEM? BECAUSE OF THE PRISONER OF WAR FLAG THAT WE HAVE.

6

7 **MARTHA WELLSBOURNE:** WE HAVE NOT MET WITH THEM YET, NO.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE ITALIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY WITH THE
10 COLUMBUS STATUE, MONUMENT THAT IS A YEARLY EVENT HOSTED BY
11 THE--

12

13 **MARTHA WELLSBOURNE:** TO MY KNOWLEDGE, THEY HAVE NOT ATTENDED
14 OUR MANY, MANY PUBLIC OUTREACH MEETINGS.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WERE THEY INVITED?

17

18 **MARTHA WELLSBOURNE:** EVERYONE, THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL HAS BEEN
19 INVITED.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE MONUMENTS WITHIN THE
22 COURT, HAVE THEY BEEN INVITED PERSONALLY?

23



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1 **MARTHA WELLSBOURNE:** NOT PERSONALLY. THERE IS AN EFFORT-- MY
2 UNDERSTANDING IS THERE IS AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY EXACTLY WHICH
3 GROUPS PROMOTED THOSE MONUMENTS.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S NOT VERY DIFFICULT BECAUSE THE BOARD
6 SPONSORS THOSE MEMORIALS EACH YEAR. AND THAT INFORMATION IS
7 READILY AVAILABLE BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE.

8

9 **MARTHA WELLSBOURNE:** WELL, WE WILL GET IT FROM THEM AND WELL
10 MEET WITH EACH GROUP. WE DO HAVE LOCATIONS FOR VARIOUS
11 MONUMENTS.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW. BUT THOSE ARE YOUR SUGGESTIONS. BUT
14 IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE THE INPUT OF THE PEOPLE WHO'S DONATED
15 THE RESOURCES FOR THOSE MONUMENTS AND PLAQUES.

16

17 **MARTHA WELLSBOURNE:** WE ARE MORE THAN HAPPY TO MEET WITH THEM.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT I THINK YOU SHOULD BE THINKING-- AGAIN,
20 NOT OF SOME DOWNTOWN OR OTHER OUTSIDE INTEREST, BUT THE PEOPLE
21 WHOSE MONUMENTS ARE HERE IN RECOGNITION OF THE SACRIFICES TO
22 OUR COUNTRY AND THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIFE THROUGH
23 GENOCIDE. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, MR. FUJIOKA, THAT THE
24 DEVELOPER HAS FAILED TO RAISE THE CAPITAL NECESSARY TO START
25 THE CONSTRUCTION?



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2 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF WE'RE REFERRING TO THE PARK, THERE ARE
3 SUFFICIENT FUNDS. AND, IN FACT, THIS DEVELOPER, AS PART OF THE
4 AGREEMENT, HAS SET ASIDE MONEY THAT WILL PROVIDE THE FUNDING
5 FOR THIS PARK. WE HAVE IT IN AN ESCROW ACCOUNT RIGHT NOW. AS
6 SUPERVISOR MOLINA STATED, THAT WE HAVE THE FUNDS SUFFICIENT TO
7 COMPLETE WHAT WAS DESCRIBED TODAY. THE PROJECT IS A SEPARATE
8 MATTER. THE PROJECT IS STILL PROCEEDING. I THINK WHAT'S
9 HAPPENING NOW IS NOT UNIQUE TO THIS DEVELOPER BUT UNIQUE TO
10 WHAT EVERYONE'S FACING IN THE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY. BUT AS IT
11 RELATES SOLELY TO THE PARK, WE HAVE THE FUNDS. THE DEVELOPER
12 HAS IDENTIFIED-- IN FACT, HAS ALREADY CONTRIBUTED THE MONEY.
13 AND WE ARE READY TO GO FORWARD ONCE WE OBTAIN THE NECESSARY
14 APPROVALS.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S INTERESTING BECAUSE THIS PAST WEEKEND
17 WE JUST FOUND IN A REPORT IN THE NEWSPAPER THAT WILSHIRE GRAND
18 IS GOING TO HAVE A \$1 BILLION DEVELOPMENT OF A FIVE-STAR HOTEL
19 ON FIGUEROA AND WILSHIRE. AND I BELIEVE PRIVATE FINANCING'S
20 INVOLVED. SO THIS IS A BILLION DOLLAR INVESTMENT THAT THESE
21 PEOPLE ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH, ANOTHER FIVE-STAR HOTEL, ALONG
22 WITH WE HAVE THE FIVE-STAR HOTEL AT THE STAPLES.

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24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WELL ON THE STAPLES PROJECT, I WAS INTIMATELY
25 INVOLVED WITH THAT. THAT PROJECT DID START. OR ACTUALLY



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1 STARTED ALMOST 10 YEARS AGO. BUT FOR THE CURRENT PROJECT, IT
2 STARTED AND THE FINANCING WAS PUT IN PLACE ABOUT IF NOT FIVE,
3 SIX YEARS AGO. I CAN'T SPEAK TO THE WILSHIRE PROJECT, BUT I DO
4 KNOW THAT THE COMPANY IS ESSENTIALLY FINANCING IT THEMSELVES.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE IS PRIVATE FINANCING AVAILABLE OUT
7 THERE. AND WHEN I KNOW WE HAD A CONTRACT THAT HAD CONSTRUCTION
8 NOT BEGUN ON THE TIME FRAME THAT WE WERE TOLD IT WOULD BEGIN
9 ON THAT WE WOULD BE THEN GETTING, WHAT? \$250,000 PENALTY PER
10 MONTH. AND THEN THERE WAS AN ACTION IN WHICH YOUR J.P.A. HAD
11 MET IN FEBRUARY. AND THEN MOVED FORWARD THE FOLLOWING WEEK.
12 AND NOW YOU HAVE AN AGREEMENT TO POSTPONE THESE \$250,000
13 MONTHLY PAYMENTS, WHICH IS ANOTHER VIOLATION OF THE AGREEMENT
14 THAT HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN MADE BY THE BOARD AND SUBSEQUENTLY
15 HAS BEEN AMENDED AND THEN AMENDED. THERE'S THIS AMENDMENT AND
16 AMENDMENT.

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18 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN YOU READ WHERE A NEW FIVE-STAR HOTEL
21 IS GOING DOWNTOWN, A NEW HIGH-RISE, WAS IT TWO TOWERS, A
22 BILLION DOLLARS PLUS THAT'S GOING TO BE BUILT? AND I WOULD
23 ASSUME THAT'S GOING TO BE BUILT IN THAT TIMEFRAME.

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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I THINK WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TODAY, A LITTLE
2 BIT WITH THAT WILSHIRE PROJECT, THAT'S WHAT'S BEEN PROPOSED AT
3 THIS POINT. BUT TODAY WHAT WE HAVE BEFORE US IS THE PLAN TO
4 CONSTRUCT THE PARK. WHAT WE ALSO HAVE BEFORE US IS NOT ONLY
5 THE FIRST PHASE OF THE DESIGN AND WITH THE PROMISE TO MOVE
6 FORWARD AND BE MORE INCLUSIVE WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE
7 COMMUNITY WHO WILL BE IMPACTED BY THIS, BUT WE ALSO KNOW THAT
8 AS IT RELATES TO THE FUNDING FOR THIS PARK, SUFFICIENT FUNDS
9 HAVE NOT ONLY BEEN IDENTIFIED BUT SECURED IN A SEPARATE
10 ACCOUNT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS. THE PROJECT STANDS ON ITS
11 OWN AS THIS PARK STANDS ON ITS OWN. BECAUSE IF IT WERE-- IF
12 THERE'S A QUESTION-- IF THERE'S ANY CONCERN REGARDING WHETHER
13 OR NOT WE'LL HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO COMPLETE IT, I BELIEVE
14 THOSE CONCERNS HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THERE WAS A FEBRUARY 9TH MEETING OF THE
17 J.P.A. IN CLOSED SESSION THAT HAD ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WAS NO
18 REPORT. THEN ON FEBRUARY 7TH, THERE WAS A SIGNED AMENDMENT BY
19 THE CHAIRMAN THAT ENABLED RELATED COMPANIES TO POSTPONE THE
20 \$250,000 MONTHLY PAYMENT, WHICH WAS THE FOURTH EXTENSION OF
21 THE J.P.A. THEY HAVE GRANTED TO THIS DEVELOPER. THEN THE GRAND
22 AVENUE AUTHORITY HAD A MARCH 23RD MEETING SCHEDULED, THE
23 J.P.A., ONLY TO HAVE-- AND WAS THAT AMENDMENT DISCUSSED AT
24 THAT MEETING? BECAUSE I'VE BEEN TOLD THE J.P.A. CANCELED THAT



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1 MEETING. SO THERE'S REALLY BEEN NO FULL PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND
2 OPEN SESSION RELATIVE TO THE GRAND AVENUE AUTHORITY'S J.P.A.

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4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE J.P.A. MEETING, THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AS
5 IT RELATES TO THE PROJECT?

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY'RE MAKING DECISIONS WHICH HAS A
8 SUBSTANTIAL IMPACT ON THE FINANCIAL STABILITY OF THE PROJECT.
9 I MEAN A \$250,000 MONTHLY PAYMENT, I KNOW IF YOU DON'T PAY
10 YOUR TAXES ON APRIL 15TH, WHAT HAPPENS? YOU GET A NICE LITTLE
11 LETTER IN THE MAIL AND THEN THEY CAN START ATTACHING YOUR
12 FINANCIAL ASSETS. HERE WE CONTINUE TO GIVE A BLIND EYE WHEN WE
13 HAD DEVELOPERS WHO WANTED TO COME IN, WHO WANTED A FAST
14 TURNAROUND AND WHO WERE DENIED THAT OPPORTUNITY THROUGH SOME
15 TYPE OF BACK ROOM DEALS. YOU DIDN'T HAVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING.
16 NO, NO, YOU DIDN'T HAVE COMPETITIVE-- THERE WERE OTHERS. WELL,
17 THERE WERE OTHERS WHO WERE INTERESTED IN DOING THAT.

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19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I CAN'T SPEAK TO WHO ELSE MAY HAVE HAD AN
20 INTEREST BECAUSE I'M NOT AWARE OF ANY OTHER COMPANIES THAT HAD
21 AN INTEREST. IT DOES PRE-DATE ME SOMEWHAT. I THINK THE FOCUS
22 TODAY IS WHERE WE'RE AT WITH THIS PARK. YOUR CONCERNS
23 REGARDING THE PROJECT, I UNDERSTAND THEM AND RESPECT THEM.
24 WE'RE AT A POINT RIGHT NOW WHERE I DON'T KNOW THE FINANCING
25 FOR THE WILSHIRE PROJECT, BUT I DO KNOW THAT THIS COMPANY IS



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1 STILL MOVING FORWARD. IT'S STILL IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING
2 ITS CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS. IT HAS NOT STOPPED ANY OF THEIR
3 PLANS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS EFFORT. THEY CONTINUE TO GET THE
4 DESIGN DOCUMENTS TOGETHER. THEY'VE MADE EVERY GOOD FAITH
5 EFFORT TO PROCEED WITH THIS CONTRACT. THE UNFORTUNATE
6 SITUATION IS THEY'RE CAUGHT UP, AS IS EVERY OTHER MAJOR
7 DEVELOPMENT COMPANY IN THE UNITED STATES, IN TAKING THE NEXT
8 STEP TO ACTUALLY PUT A SHOVEL IN THE GROUND. BUT THEY HAVEN'T
9 STOPPED ANY WORK ON IT. WHEN IT CAME TO THE COMMITMENT FOR
10 THIS PARK, THEY DID STEP UP AND NOT ONLY MADE-- COMMITTED THE
11 COMPANY'S ASSETS, THEY ACTUALLY PUT THE MONEY UP FOR THIS
12 PARK. SO IN MY MIND, I HAVEN'T SEEN THAT. THAT NORMALLY
13 HAPPENS AT THE END OF THE PROJECT. BUT AT THE BEGINNING IS
14 VERY SIGNIFICANT.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK THE ISSUE HAS BEEN MORE OR LESS
21 EXHAUSTED, BUT I WANTED TO JUST FOR THE RECORD KIND OF-- I
22 READ PAPER OVER THE WEEKEND, TOO, AND I'LL BE VERY INTERESTED
23 TO SEE WHEN THE SHOVEL GOES IN THE GROUND. THERE IS NOTHING
24 THAT IS MORE EPHEMERAL THAN REAL ESTATE PRESS IN THE SUNDAY
25 NEWSPAPER. IT'S EVEN MORE UNRELIABLE THAN POLITICAL PRESS



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1 RELEASES. SO WE'LL SEE IF THAT COMES TOGETHER. BUT THIS
2 COMPANY, WHOEVER THEY ARE, IF THEY WERE AROUND THREE, FOUR
3 YEARS AGO, WHENEVER THIS WHOLE THING STARTED, HAD AN
4 OPPORTUNITY TO BID ON THIS PROPERTY, TOO. I DON'T THINK WE
5 WERE GOING TO DO THE KIND OF PROJECT AT GRAND AVENUE THAT THEY
6 ARE PROPOSING TO DO DOWN THERE AT SEVENTH AND FIGUEROA, I
7 GUESS THE HOTEL SITE. WE HAD SOME LIMITS TO WHAT WE WERE GOING
8 TO DO. AND WE HAD A PARK ISSUE. I THINK THE C.E.O. SAID IT
9 QUITE WELL. THESE GUYS ARE OUR PARTNERS NOW. IT'S THROUGH NO
10 FAULT OF THEIR OWN THAT THEY HAVE GOTTEN CAUGHT UP IN THIS
11 REAL ESTATE SITUATION. WE ARE CAUGHT UP IN IT AS A COUNTY,
12 ALSO. WE'RE MAKING CHANGES IN OUR COMMITMENTS AND JUGGLING
13 THINGS BECAUSE OF-- DEFERRING THINGS BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMIC
14 SITUATION. THEY CERTAINLY ARE. THE ONE THING THAT I DO THINK
15 PAYS TO JUST EMPHASIZE IS, IT'S THE ONE THING THAT THE COUNTY
16 DID REQUIRE AND THE J.P.A. DID REQUIRE THAT THEY DO, AND
17 THAT'S PUT UP THE MONEY FIRST FOR THE PARK. THEY DID. IT'S
18 CONCEIVABLE, I DON'T KNOW THE ECONOMICS OF THIS ANY MORE THAN
19 I KNOW NUCLEAR PHYSICS, BUT MY BET IS THAT YOU'D HAVE A BETTER
20 SHOT OF TRYING TO DEVELOP THAT PARK TODAY IF YOU TOOK THAT 50
21 MILLION, WITH THE INTEREST, AND PUT IT INTO THE DEVELOPMENT
22 PROJECT AND NOT INTO THE PARK. BUT YOU WERE REQUIRED TO. YOU
23 LIVED UP TO THAT COMMITMENT. THAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT
24 COMMITMENT FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW THAT WE MEASURE YOU AGAINST.
25 YOU ARE NOW OUR PARTNER. WHEN YOU DO SOMETHING THAT IS



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1 VIOLATES THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT THAT IS YOUR FAULT, YOU
2 MAY NO LONGER BE OUR PARTNER. BUT WE HAVE TO BE DEAF, BLIND
3 AND DUMB NOT TO REALIZE THAT THE WORLD WE LIVE IN NOW IS A
4 LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN THE WORLD WE WERE LIVING IN THE DAY WE
5 APPROVED THIS PROJECT AND CERTAINLY A FAR CRY FROM THE WORLD
6 WE LIVED IN THE DAY WE PUT OUT THE R.F.P. FOR THIS PROJECT,
7 WHICH WAS SEVERAL YEARS AGO. AND I THINK WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO
8 DO IS YOU'RE TRYING TO HANG ON. YOU COULD HAVE WALKED AWAY
9 FROM THIS AT THIS POINT. WE DON'T WANT YOU TO WALK AWAY. IT'S
10 A GOOD PROJECT. IT'S A BOLD PROJECT. AS FAR AS THE GRAND
11 AVENUE PIECE OF IT IS CONCERNED. THE PARK IS OBVIOUSLY ANOTHER
12 PIECE OF IT. BUT I THINK WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER NOW AS LONG AS
13 WE'RE BOTH PROCEEDING IN GOOD FAITH. AND I WILL SAY THAT THE
14 RELATED FOLKS HAVE PROCEEDED IN GOOD FAITH AT EVERY STEP OF
15 THE WAY FROM MY OBSERVATION. AND I FOLLOWED THIS MAYBE NOT AS
16 CLOSELY AS SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS, BUT I FOLLOWED IT CLOSELY.
17 WE WANT TO MAKE THIS THING WORK. SO, ANYWAY, I JUST WANTED TO
18 SAY THAT. ON THE PARK, IF I COULD JUST SAY SOMETHING, I AM NOT
19 OVERWHELMED WITH THE PARK PLAN. NOT BECAUSE OF THE WORK OF THE
20 ARCHITECTS DID ON IT. IT'S QUITE GOOD. AND I'VE SAID IT
21 BEFORE, I'M GOING TO SAY IT AGAIN. MAYBE I HAVEN'T SAID IT
22 PUBLICLY. THE OPPORTUNITY THAT WE HAVE ON THIS-- IN THIS AREA,
23 AND IT'S KIND OF FICTIONAL TO TALK ABOUT IT IN THE CURRENT
24 ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT, BUT WE WILL NOT ALWAYS BE IN THIS
25 ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT. THAT IS, IF YOU REMOVE THIS BUILDING AND



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1 THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE FROM THIS SUPER BLOCK OR BLOCKS, THIS
2 AREA, YOU WOULD HAVE THREE TO FOUR TIMES AS MUCH PARK AS YOU
3 ARE GOING TO BUILD WITH THIS 50 OR \$52 MILLION. I HAD THIS
4 CONVERSATION-- I HAD IT WITH YOU GUYS. IT'S NOT YOUR PROBLEM,
5 IT'S OUR PROBLEM. AND THE COURT'S PROBLEM. I KIND OF MUSED
6 ABOUT IT WITH YOUR PREDECESSOR AND WITH YOU, BILL. AND TALKED
7 TO THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE STATE SUPREME COURT WHO IS IN
8 CHARGE OF ALL THE COURTS JUST TO GET THE CONVERSATION GOING.
9 AND I KNOW THAT OTHERS UP HERE HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT THIS, TOO.
10 AND I HOPE THAT SOME DAY WE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO DO THAT,
11 BECAUSE FROM AN URBAN DESIGN POINT OF VIEW, I MEAN THIS
12 BUILDING HAS GOT TO BE FIXED. IT'S EITHER GOING TO BE FIXED OR
13 IT'S GOING TO BE REPLACED. AND THE ANALYSIS THAT WAS DONE FOR
14 THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE SOMETIME AGO WAS THAT THIS BUILDING, IT
15 WOULD BE CHEAPER, MORE COST-EFFECTIVE, I SHOULD SAY, TO
16 REPLACE IT ELSEWHERE AND NOT MOVE OUT AND THEN MOVE BACK IN.
17 IT'S HUGE COST ASSOCIATED WITH DOING IT THE LATTER WAY. I
18 CAN'T SPEAK FOR THE COURT. I CAN SPEAK FOR THIS BUILDING. IT
19 IS SEISMICALLY CHALLENGED. ESPECIALLY THE SIDE OF THE BUILDING
20 I WORK ON, THE EAST SIDE. MAYBE ANTONOVICH OR RIDLEY-THOMAS
21 ARE LESS CONCERNED, BUT KNABE AND I ARE QUITE CONCERNED WITH
22 IT WHETHER IT'S A 4.0 IN HEMIC, WE FEEL IT ON HILL STREET.
23 BUT, SERIOUSLY, THIS BUILDING HAS ISSUES. AND SO AT SOME POINT
24 SOMETHING'S GOING TO HAVE TO BE DONE. AND IT WOULD JUST MAKE A
25 HECK OF A LOT OF SENSE IF WE KEPT THAT IN OUR THOUGHTS AND



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1 PRAYERS AND ON OUR RADAR SCREEN. WHEN I MET WITH YOU FOLKS A
2 FEW WEEKS AGO, MY UNDERSTANDING AND MY COMMITMENT YOU'VE MADE
3 AND THE EXPLANATION YOU GAVE IS THAT EVERYTHING THAT IS BEING
4 DONE IN THIS INITIAL PLAN WOULD NOT BE IN ANY WAY IN CONFLICT
5 IF WE EVER WANTED TO OR WERE EVER ABLE TO EXPAND IT AS I'VE
6 JUST DESCRIBED. THERE'S NOTHING THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE UNDONE
7 IN ANY FUNDAMENTAL WAY. IT COULD BE A WORK IN PROGRESS, SO TO
8 SPEAK; IS THAT CORRECT?

9

10 **MARK RIOS:** YES. WE'VE GOT PLANS FOR LOOKING AT ONE OF THE
11 BUILDINGS BEING GONE, FOR BOTH THE BUILDINGS BEING GONE. WE
12 REALLY SEE THE OTHERS BEING ADDED SPACES. WE DON'T HAVE TO
13 REDO THE PARK WE'RE DOING NOW.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. AND I THINK IT WOULD BE INCREDIBLE FOR
16 THE AREA. IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR THE CATHEDRAL, WHICH RIGHT
17 NOW IS LANDLOCKED ON ALL SIDES, ON ONE SIDE BY THE FREEWAY, ON
18 THE OTHER SIDE BY US. IT WOULD OPEN IT UP AS MUCH AS IT'S EVER
19 GOING TO GET OPENED UP. THERE'S A LOT OF OPPORTUNITIES TO DO
20 SOMETHING TO MAKE THIS NOT JUST A GREEN SPACE BUT A GATHERING
21 PLACE, A CENTRAL PARK OF SOME SIGNIFICANCE TO DOWNTOWN LOS
22 ANGELES. ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT, THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE SOME PEOPLE FROM THE PUBLIC
25 THAT WISH TO TESTIFY. I WOULD LIKE YOU NOT TO GO TOO FAR AWAY



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1 BECAUSE THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS. I'M GOING THE CALL
2 UP THOSE FOLKS. LET'S BEGIN WITH ARNOLD SACHS, CARVEL GAY
3 COULD JOIN US, ANN NGUYEN FOLLOWED BY RUSSELL BROWN. I THINK
4 THERE ARE FOUR SEATS UP HERE IF YOU WOULD COME UP AND JOIN US.
5 MR. SACHS, IF YOU WOULD JUST WATCH FOR THE WIRES THERE SO WE
6 CAN HAVE THAT UP. OKAY. WAIT JUST A SECOND. WHO DID I CALL UP?
7 HOW COME WE GOT SO MANY PEOPLE UP? I CALLED UP FOUR PEOPLE.
8 ARNOLD SACHS, CARVEL GAY, ANN NGUYEN AND RUSSELL BROWN.

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10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. GRAND AVENUE
11 PROJECT. THIS PARK DESIGN, IS IT IN LIEU OF QUIMBY FEES? I
12 WOULD IMAGINE THAT THE DEVELOPMENT, FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD IN
13 COUNTY AND CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS, QUIMBY FEES ARE GENERATED
14 FROM DEVELOPMENTS ON UNITS. IS THIS PARK IN LIEU OF QUIMBY
15 FEES THAT THE DEVELOPER WOULD HAVE TO PAY? IF SO, I APPLAUD
16 THE CHANGE IN POLICY WHERE THE COUNTY IS ACTUALLY GETTING
17 MONEY UP FRONT FROM DEVELOPERS FOR PARK DEVELOPMENT. AND THEY
18 SHOULD CONTINUE ALONG THIS LINE IN OTHER DESIGNS. MAKES SENSE
19 TO ME. THE PUBLIC WOULD ACTUALLY GET SOME BENEFIT FROM A
20 PROJECT PRIOR TO THE PROJECT BEING DEVELOPED. IF IT'S NOT IN
21 LIEU, IF THAT'S NOT WHAT'S HAPPENING, THEN THERE'S SOMETHING
22 WRONG HERE. BECAUSE THEY'RE GIVING UP MONEY AND IT ALMOST
23 CERTAINLY WOULD AMOUNT TO A PITTANCE OF WHAT THEY WOULD HAVE
24 TO PAY IF THE QUIMBY FEES WERE COLLECTED ON ALL THE UNITS THAT
25 WERE DEVELOPED. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK A QUESTION. THE DESIGN IS



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1 APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND THE JOINT POWERS
2 AUTHORITY, WHICH IS MADE UP OF COUNTY AND CITY MEMBERS. WHY IS
3 THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY INVOLVED IF IT'S NOT A CITY
4 AGENCY? WHERE IS THE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY IF
5 THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY IS INVOLVED? YOU GOT A
6 JOINT POWERS COMMITTEE. YOU GOT THE COUNTY. YOU GOT THE CITY
7 ALREADY ASKING, INVOLVED IN THE DESIGN APPROVAL. THE DESIGNER
8 IS DEALING WITH THE RELATED COMPANY. THE CITY, THE COUNTY AND
9 THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY. AGAIN, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
10 AGENCY IS NOT A CITY AGENCY ACCORDING TO THE CITY, THEY DON'T
11 HAVE TO-- THE CITY'S FINANCIAL POLICIES ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO
12 THE C.R.A. IF THEY'RE NOT APPLICABLE AND THE CITY IS PAYING
13 THEIR LEGAL FEES AND THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH THE OWNER OF
14 THE-- WHAT'S THE HOTEL DOWNTOWN, THE BONAVENTURE WHO SUED THE
15 CITY OVER THE INCREASE IN DENSITY, HE ACTUALLY SUED THE C.R.A.
16 AND THE CITY ENDED UP PAYING NOT ONLY THE LEGAL FEES BUT THE
17 SETTLEMENT. WHAT'S THAT ABOUT? WHY ARE WE BEING HELD HOSTAGE
18 BY THIS AGENCY, THE C.R.A., WHICH IS PRETTY MUCH A CORRUPT
19 AGENCY. LOOK INTO THEIR BACKGROUND. AND THEN FINALLY, THE
20 JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY. IF YOU HAVE THE COUNTY AND THE CITY,
21 WHY WOULD YOU NEED IT? I'D LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT THE Q.M.B.E.
22 FEES, THOUGH. THAT REALLY WOULD BE INTERESTING. AND I'D LIKE
23 TO KNOW IF THE COUNTY IS GOING TO RECOMMEND THAT THIS POLICY
24 BE ENACTED IN ALL FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS SO THAT, AGAIN, THE



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1 PUBLIC GETS SOME BENEFIT WHILE THEY'RE STILL AROUND TO
2 APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. GAY?

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6 **CARVEL GAY:** YES, MADAME CHAIRMAN. IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO
7 BE HERE. CARVEL GAY REPRESENTING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
8 VETERANS' ADVISORY COMMISSION. AND I HAVE WITH ME THIS
9 AFTERNOON THE CHAIR OF OUR COMMISSION, RUDY GARCIA, AND
10 ANOTHER MEMBER, STEVE ROSS MERRIN NOW, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME
11 THAT WE HAVE EVER HEARD OF ANY CHANGES BEING MADE, AND WE
12 ENCOURAGE THAT BUT YET IT'S ALWAYS NICE, AS IT WAS MENTIONED,
13 FOR SOMEBODY TO COME FORTH AND GET OUR OPINION. WE DO
14 REPRESENT AN AWFUL LOT OF VETERANS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
15 ANGELES. AND THERE ARE THINGS ON HERE THAT SHOULD BE
16 CONSIDERED. I MIGHT JUST TAKE A COUPLE OF MINUTES HERE TO READ
17 A BRIEF HISTORY, IF I MAY, OF THE COURT OF THE AMERICAN FLAGS.
18 KEEP IN MIND THIS WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
19 ON MAY 5TH, 1970. THE COURT CONTAINS 18 FLAGS REPRESENTING
20 VARIOUS PERIODS OF OUR NATION'S HISTORY. VERY IMPORTANT. THEIR
21 DEDICATION PLAQUE STATES THE FLAGS OF OUR NATION HAVE
22 TRADITIONALLY SYMBOLIZED OUR HOPES, OUR IDEALS AND
23 ACHIEVEMENTS AND ETERNAL DEDICATION TO THE PRINCIPLES OF
24 DEMOCRACY. WOVEN INTO THE FABRIC OF THOSE PROUD COLORS ARE THE
25 WISDOM OF OUR FOUNDING FATHERS, THE INDOMITABLE COURAGE OF OUR



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1 NATIONS FOUNDERS AND THE STRENGTH AND INTEGRITY OF OUR PEOPLE
2 WHO HAVE CHERISHED FREEDOM BEYOND LIFE ITSELF. LET US THEN
3 AMIDST THESE HISTORIC MATTERS AND REAFFIRM OUR FAITH IN OUR
4 NATION AND OUR ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG. THIS, IN FACT, WAS
5 SPONSORED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
6 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE LOS
7 ANGELES COUNTY COUNCIL. GOING BACK TO 1973, YOUR LATE CHAIRMAN
8 KENNETH HAHN DIRECTED FRANK ACKERMAN, CHIEF OF THE COUNTY
9 GRAPHIC ARTS DEPARTMENT TO PREPARE A MEMORIAL IN 30 DAYS TO
10 HONOR THE 231 COUNTY VETERANS WHO HAD SERVED IN VIETNAM. MAY
11 4TH, 1973, OVER 3,000 PEOPLE INCLUDED SOME OF THE FIRST
12 PRISONERS OF WAR TO COME HOME FROM VIETNAM, WITNESSED THE
13 DEDICATION OF THE VETERANS MEMORIAL, VIETNAM MEMORIAL. THE
14 MEMORIAL IS LIFE SIZE HELMET APPEARING TO BE A SOLE REMNANT OF
15 SOLDIERS RESTING ATOP A TOMBSTONE-LIKE PEDESTAL.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. GAY, DO YOU WANT TO START SUMMARIZING YOUR
18 REMARKS?

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20 **CARVEL GAY:** I WILL. I'M ALMOST DONE. TODAY WE SUPPORT THE
21 TROOPS SERVING IN IRAQ, IN AFGHANISTAN AND ALL OF OUR
22 VETERANS. THIS THEME IS PROMINENT IN PRESIDENT OBAMA'S
23 SPEECHES AND AS IN THE HEARTS OF ALL AMERICANS. SO AGAIN I
24 WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT OUR ORGANIZATION-- AND WE REPRESENT
25 THIS COUNTY AS FAR AS THE VETERANS' FEELINGS AND THOUGHTS, WE



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1 WOULD ENCOURAGE THIS COMMITTEE COMING-- WE HAVE MONTHLY
2 MEETINGS-- TO TALK ABOUT THE PLANS. AND WE CAN COORDINATE IT
3 AND DO SOMETHING THAT HOPEFULLY WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO THIS
4 COUNTY, THE STATE AND OUR COUNTRY.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. GAY. MISS NGUYEN.

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8 **ANN NGUYEN:** GOOD MORNING. ANN NGUYEN WITH THE CENTRAL CITY
9 ASSOCIATION. JUST A COUPLE QUICK COMMENTS. I'M VERY PLEASED TO
10 BE HERE TO SUPPORT THE NEW SCHEMATIC DESIGN FOR PACIFIC PARK
11 PROJECT. THE DESIGN TEAM HAS REALLY LISTENED TO THE
12 COMMUNITY'S CONCERNS AND IS PUTTING FORTH A GREAT DESIGN THAT
13 APPROPRIATELY RESPONDS TO THOSE NEEDS AND CONCERNS. NEW
14 PERFORMANCE LAWNS ARE CREATED TO BRING A SENSE OF LIFE AND
15 COMMUNITY TO THE AREA. DOWNTOWN CURRENTLY LACKS USABLE GREEN
16 SPACE AND GREEN SPACE WILL BE ADDED. TWO ACRES WILL BE ADDED
17 BY THIS DESIGN, AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS WILL BE ADDED TO
18 ACCOMMODATE THE GROWING POPULATION OF GRADE SCHOOL CHILDREN IN
19 DOWNTOWN AND ITS SURROUNDING AREAS. WE ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT
20 THIS PLAN. AND WE COMMEND EVERYONE WHO'S PLAYED A PART IN THE
21 NEW DESIGN AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT THE PROJECT AND HOPE
22 THAT YOU ALL DO, AS WELL. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. MR. BROWN. AND COULD WE ALSO HAVE JOIN
2 US AT THIS TIME PATRICIA BERMAN AND DAVID FARRAR TO COME JOIN
3 US, PLEASE? MR. BROWN.

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5 **RUSSELL BROWN:** RUSSELL BROWN, I'M EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
6 HISTORIC DOWNTOWN BUSINESS AND PERMIT DISTRICT AND ALSO
7 PRESIDENT OF DOWNTOWN L.A. NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. WE'RE VERY
8 MUCH IN APPROVAL OF THIS PROJECT. WE'VE ACTUALLY BEEN WORKING
9 WITH THE DEVELOPERS FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. THEY'VE DONE ONE OF
10 THE MOST EXHAUSTIVE OUTREACH PROGRAMS THAT THEY HAD. I
11 LITERALLY GOT INVOLVED WHERE THEY LITERALLY HAD DONE MEETINGS
12 IN BEVERLY HILLS IN THE WEST SIDE, IN THE VALLEY, OF HOW WOULD
13 YOU DESIGN THE NORTHERN END OF DOWNTOWN AND WHAT WOULD IT LOOK
14 LIKE TO INCLUDE EVERYBODY? IT WAS NOT A SECRET THAT WHEN THE
15 PARK PROPOSAL CAME ABOUT A YEAR AGO, A LOT OF PEOPLE,
16 INCLUDING MYSELF, WERE NOT VERY ENTHUSED ABOUT THE AESTHETICS
17 OF THE PARK. THEY HAVE DONE AN AMAZING JOB OF LISTENING TO
18 EVERYBODY IN THE COMMUNITY AND REDESIGNING THE PARK. AND WE
19 ARE VERY, VERY ENTHUSED ABOUT THE NEW DESIGNS OF THE PARK. WE
20 ALSO WOULD LOVE ZEV'S COMMENT ABOUT BEING ABLE TO EXPAND THAT
21 FOOTPRINT TO WORK TOWARDS FRUITION. AND WE SEE THAT AS PART OF
22 THE OVERALL PLAN DOWNTOWN. A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO OR A MONTH
23 AGO, WE WERE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO SEE THE MODEL. AND WE WORKED
24 WITH THEM TO ACTUALLY CREATE THREE DAYS' WORTH OF COMMUNITY
25 PRESENTATIONS AND EXHIBITS IN OUR OFFICES AT THE HISTORIC



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1 DOWNTOWN BID. WE SHOWED THIS AT THE ART WALK. WE HAD A COUPLE
2 OF THOUSAND PEOPLE COME THROUGH. UNIVERSALLY EVERYBODY IS SO
3 INCREDIBLY ENTHUSED ABOUT THIS AND WHEN THEY SAW THIS IN THE
4 FRONT PAGE OF THE L.A. TIMES THE VERY NEXT DAY, COULD COME
5 DOWN AND SEE NOT ONLY THE MODELS, BUT WORK WITH THE ARCHITECTS
6 FOR THREE DAYS, IT SHOWS HOW COMMUNITY INPUT CAN REALLY
7 PRODUCE A MUCH, MUCH BETTER PROJECT. SO ONE LAST COMMENT. AND
8 I UNDERSTAND MR. ANTONOVICH'S CONCERNS ABOUT THIS SORT OF
9 TAKING A WHILE. DON'T HESITATE TO REMEMBER THAT DISNEY CONCERT
10 HALL WAS ALMOST A 20-YEAR PROJECT. L.A. LIVE CONVENTION
11 CENTER, STAPLES CENTER, THE MASTER PLAN WAS A 20-YEAR PROJECT.
12 INDEED, EVEN ONE OF THE MOST RECOGNIZABLE BUILDINGS IN THE
13 WHOLE WORLD THE SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE WENT BANKRUPT AND STOPPED
14 FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME AND THE ARCHITECT DIDN'T EVEN GO
15 BACK. SO IT'S NOT UNCOMMON THAT LARGE PROJECTS TAKE A WHILE,
16 JUST LIKE CITIES TAKE A WHILE. AND I'D FEEL VERY COMFORTABLE
17 THAT WE'RE ON TRACK AND WE HAVE GREAT LEADERS. IF YOU'VE GONE
18 TO THE GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM IN BILBAO, YOU CAN SEE HOW IT'S NOT
19 ONLY TRANSFORMED A WHOLE CITY, BUT WHAT THE GRAND AVENUE
20 PROJECT CAN DO FOR ALL OF DOWNTOWN OF CREATING AN ICONIC PLACE
21 THAT WILL LINK OUR CIVIC INSTITUTIONS, THE NEW L.A.P.D.
22 HEADQUARTERS, PUT THE CITY AND THE COUNTY AND THE CHURCH WITH
23 ALL OF OUR CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS AND HAVE A GRAND GATHERING
24 PLACE THAT WE'LL ALL BE VERY PROUD OF. THANKS.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SIR. MISS BERMAN?

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3 **PATRICIA BERMAN:** YES. MY NAME IS PATTI BERMAN, I AM THE VICE
4 PRESIDENT FOR OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION FOR THE DOWNTOWN LOS
5 ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. I'M ALSO THE BOARD CHAIR FOR
6 PARKS RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE FOR THE COUNCIL. I'M ON THE
7 BOARD, SECRETARY OF THE BOARD, OF PARK ADVISORY BOARD FOR
8 PERSHING SQUARE AND I'M VERY MUCH INTO GREEN SPACE. FIRST OF
9 ALL, I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE PRESENTING THIS
10 DESIGN TODAY HAVE BEEN LISTENING VERY CAREFULLY TO OUR
11 COMMUNITY, TO OUR CONSTITUENCY. THEY PUT OUT, SOME MONTHS
12 BACK, SOMETHING THAT WE DID NOT CARE FOR. WE TOLD THEM WHY. WE
13 TOLD THEM WHAT WE WANTED. AND THEY CAME BACK TO US LAST MONTH
14 WITH A DESIGN THAT INCORPORATED EVERYTHING WE HAD ASKED FOR
15 AND EVERYTHING THAT THE PUBLIC HAD TALKED ABOUT. THEY'RE
16 LISTENING. THEY WANT TO BE PART OF THIS COMMUNITY. I WAS PART
17 OF THE GROUP THAT BROUGHT THE MODEL TO DOWNTOWN FOR THREE
18 DAYS. I WAS THE ONE WHO STOOD THERE NEXT TO IT FOR THOSE THREE
19 DAYS AND WATCHED PROBABLY 3,000 PEOPLE WALK BY, MAKE COMMENTS.
20 THE DESIGN TEAM TOOK NOTES ON EVERY COMMENT THAT WAS MADE.
21 THEY'RE INVOLVED IN THIS. THEY ARE DEDICATED TO THIS. IF THIS
22 DESIGN IS NOT EVERYTHING WE ALWAYS WANTED, WELL I THINK ONE OF
23 THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS ABOUT IT IS THAT THE DESIGN THEY'RE
24 SHOWING US NOW IS ONE THAT IS POSSIBLE. IT IS ONE THAT IS
25 CONTAINED WITHIN THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT IS ALREADY IN



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1 ESCROW. WE COULD GET A DESIGN FROM THEM THAT WAS ABSOLUTELY
2 OUTRAGEOUS, EVERYBODY LOVED IT AND IF WE COULD RAISE 1 BILLION
3 MORE DOLLARS, THERE IT WOULD BE. BUT THEY HAVE BEEN VERY GOOD
4 TO THE COMMUNITY IN SAYING THIS IS WHAT WE CAN GIVE YOU NOW.
5 WE'LL TAKE YOUR IDEAS FOR OTHER THINGS, BUT WE CAN GIVE YOU
6 THIS NOW. AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONSTITUENCY DOWNTOWN, I
7 SAY THAT THEY HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB FOR US AND THAT WE
8 DEFINITELY SHOULD APPROVE. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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12 **DAVID FARRAR:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIRMAN. MY NAME IS DAVID
13 FARRAR, AND I'M EYE I HAVE BEEN A LOT OF THINGS IN MY LIFE AND
14 I'VE APPEARED HERE A COUPLE OF TIMES IN SOME OF THOSE
15 CAPACITIES, I THINK MOST FREQUENTLY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE
16 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. AND
17 I WILL SAY IN THAT CAPACITY, I WAS CHAIRMAN WHEN THIS JOINT
18 VENTURE AGREEMENT WAS ESTABLISHED. THE PEOPLE WERE APPOINTED
19 TO IT. AND I ENTHUSIASTICALLY APPROVED THE PLAN. I THINK IT'S
20 SO ESSENTIAL TO GIVE LIFE TO THIS IMPORTANT CIVIC SPACE. I'M
21 ALSO HERE AT THIS TIME AT THE REQUEST OF A COUPLE OF VETERANS'
22 ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH I AM AFFILIATED. AND I'M HERE AS A
23 VETERAN. SOME OF YOU KNOW THAT I WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS AND
24 STILL ON THE BOARD OF ONE OF HARRY PRAGERSON'S PROJECTS CALLED
25 U.S. VETS, WHICH CURRENTLY PROVIDES HOUSING AND SERVICES TO



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1 WHAT WE NOW CALL FORMALLY HOMELESS VETERANS. AND WITH
2 FACILITIES BOTH IN LONG BEACH AND IN INGLEWOOD. AS A VETERAN,
3 I ONLY HAVE ONE SPECIFIC COMMENT TO WHAT I THINK IS THIS
4 INCREDIBLY WONDERFUL PLAN. AND I'M DIRECTING MY COMMENTS
5 SPECIFICALLY TO THE CONCERNS ADDRESSED BY SUPERVISOR
6 ANTONOVICH WITH RESPECT TO THE EXISTING MEMORIALS, NOT ONLY TO
7 VETERANS BUT TO ALL OF THE OTHER GROUPS TO WHOM IT WAS
8 IMPORTANT TO HAVE THESE MEMORIALS ON THE CIVIC MALL. THE
9 PARTICULAR THING WHICH CONCERNS ME AND BROUGHT ME TO THIS
10 MEETING WAS A PROVISION WHICH SAYS F-2, AND IT'S WITH RESPECT
11 TO THE FLAG PLAZA. DEMOLITION OF EXISTING FLAG PLAQUES AND
12 RELOCATION OF EXISTING VETERANS MEMORIAL FLAGS TO COUNTY
13 STORAGE FOR A FUTURE OFFSITE LOCATION IN COORDINATION WITH
14 COUNTY C.E.O. OFFICE AND COUNTY COMMISSION REINSTALLATION
15 COSTS NOT INCLUDED. NOW, I DON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEM WITH THE
16 WORD DEMOLITION. AND I DON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEM WITH THE WORD
17 RELOCATION. BUT I HAVE A SERIOUS PROBLEM WITH THE WORD "TO
18 COUNTY STORAGE." I, SINCE I'VE BEEN IN THE CITY FOR A LONG
19 TIME, KNOW A LOT OF THINGS HAVE BEEN TAKEN AWAY WITH GOOD
20 INTENTION AND RELOCATED TO STORAGE SOMEWHERE AND NEVER COME
21 BACK AND NOBODY EVER SEES THEM. QUITE FRANKLY, I THINK ON A
22 HUMAN LEVEL, THAT HAPPENS TO OUR VETERANS ALL THE TIME. THEY
23 COME BACK FROM THE WAR AND THEY ARE PUT SOMEWHERE IN STORAGE
24 AND FORGOTTEN, NEVER TO BE HEARD AGAIN, OUT OF SIGHT AND OUT
25 OF MIND. MY SINGLE RECOMMENDATION TO THIS BOARD WITH RESPECT



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1 TO THIS SPECIFIC ITEM IS THAT I RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD
2 CONDITION TODAY'S APPROVAL OF A PLAN ON THE DEVELOPER'S
3 AGREEMENT TO GET BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL FOR SITE-
4 SPECIFIC RELOCATION OF ALL VETERANS' MEMORIALS, OTHER FLAGS,
5 ET CETERA, PRIOR TO DEMOLITION OF THOSE PLAQUES AND FLAGS.
6 THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. I DON'T THINK THAT WOULD BE A
9 PROBLEM TO INCLUDE.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE BEGINNING TO
12 DISCUSS THE ISSUE INSTEAD OF NOW COMING UP.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. ANTONOVICH, JUST AS A CONNECTION, THIS HAS
15 BEEN OVER A YEAR AND A HALF OF PUBLIC OUTREACH. THESE PROJECTS
16 TRAVELED ALL OVER THE COUNTY, TO THE EAST SIDE OF L.A., THE
17 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. WE HAD OUTREACH MEETINGS. THERE WAS
18 NOTIFICATIONS THAT WERE GIVEN. GRANTED, I THINK THERE ARE A
19 LOT OF ISSUES THAT CAN BE RAISED AT THIS POINT, BUT IT IS NOT
20 TOO LATE. IT IS CERTAINLY NOT TOO LATE. CERTAINLY THERE ARE
21 ISSUES LIKE THE AMENDMENT THAT IS BEING RECOMMENDED BY MR.
22 FARRAR, SOMETHING THAT COULD BE INCLUDED. AND IT DOESN'T
23 CREATE ANY DISRUPTION IN THE PROCESS. I THINK THAT OPPORTUNITY
24 TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE PROPERLY RELOCATED AND NOT STORED IS
25 A GOOD IDEA. AND I THINK THERE ARE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES, AS



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1 WELL. I AM HOPEFUL, I HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH
2 THESE FOLKS ON A REGULAR BASIS. I, TOO, WAS ONE OF THOSE THAT
3 WASN'T THAT HAPPY WITH THE ORIGINAL PROJECT AND MADE MY
4 COMMENTS. AND THEY WERE VERY INCLUSIVE OF EVERY COMMENT. I
5 WATCHED OTHER PEOPLE LOOK AT THESE MODELS AND WERE IMPRESSED
6 THAT THE THINGS THAT THEY TALKED ABOUT WERE NOW INCLUDED. AND
7 I THINK THAT THAT IS THE KIND OF RECEPTION THAT WE HAVE HAD.
8 AND IT CONTINUES TO HAPPEN. I AM HOPEFUL THAT WE WILL CONTINUE
9 TO DO THIS. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BEGIN A PROJECT THAT I
10 THINK IS GOING TO HAVE A HUGE IMPACT, NOT ONLY IN DOWNTOWN LOS
11 ANGELES BUT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. WE WANT TO HAVE AN
12 OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE TO COME HERE, TO CREATE A PEDESTRIAN
13 ORIENTATION. IT IS A SHAME THAT THESE TWO BUILDINGS HAVE
14 CREATED SUCH A SHADOW OVER THIS WONDERFUL CIVIC AREA THAT WE
15 HAVE AND IT'S NOT OPENED UP. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO AN
16 OPPORTUNITY AS EVENTUALLY WE'D WANT IT. IF WHEN THESE
17 BUILDINGS HOPEFULLY GO AWAY AND RELOCATE TO ANOTHER LOCATION,
18 THAT WE WOULD BE EXPANDING THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A MUCH
19 LARGER CIVIC PARK, A PLACE FOR COMMUNITY TO COME TOGETHER AND
20 TO HAVE EXPERIENCES TOGETHER AND A LOT OF SHARED ENJOYMENT. SO
21 WE HAVE A PROJECT BEFORE US THAT HAS A VERY EXTENSIVE
22 OUTREACH, HAS HAD AN AWFUL LOT OF INPUT. AND AS THEY COME TO
23 VARIOUS CHANGES, AND I THINK THAT ONE OF THE MOST FORTUNATE
24 ASPECTS, EVEN THOUGH WE ARE GREAT PARTNERSHIP WITH RELATED,
25 IT'S VERY UNFORTUNATE THE ECONOMIC SITUATION WE'RE IN TODAY;



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1 BUT RIGHT NOW, ONE OF THE ARRANGEMENT THAT WAS MADE FROM DAY
2 ONE UNDER THE J.P.A. IS THAT THEY WOULD MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO
3 THE CIVIC PARK. THAT CONTRIBUTION WAS \$50 MILLION, WHICH WE
4 RECEIVED. AND SINCE THAT HAVE RECEIVED OVER \$6 1/2 MILLION IN
5 INTEREST, ALL OF IT GOING INTO THE PARK. WE HAVE AN
6 OPPORTUNITY, AS QUICKLY AS WE APPROVED TODAY, APPROVED A
7 COUPLE OF THE OTHER DESIGNS TO COME IN AND GET STARTED, GET
8 ALL THE PERMITS THAT NEED TO BE PUT IN PLACE, THAT WE WILL BE
9 ABLE TO START THIS PROJECT BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR IN A
10 VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME ENJOY CIVIC PARK, A GREEN PARK AND
11 ALL OF DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. BUT CERTAINLY WITH THAT
12 AMENDMENT, AS PRESENTED, I'D LIKE TO INCLUDE THAT. SO WE HAVE
13 THE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE, THAT WE HAVE THAT IN THERE SO THAT
14 WE MAKE SURE. I THINK THAT WAS NOTED PROPERLY BY EVERYONE
15 HERE. I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT ITEM FORWARD. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND
16 SECONDED. WOULD YOU LIKE?

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ABSTAIN.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS ABSTAINING. MR. RIDLEY
21 IS THERE. WITH THAT ABSTENTION AND OUR OTHER THREE VOTES, THAT
22 ITEM IS PASSED. THANK YOU SO MUCH, ALL OF YOU, FOR JOINING US.
23 AND MR. GAY, PLEASE TAKE AN OPPORTUNITY. MR. RIOS IS RIGHT
24 BEHIND YOU. I'M SURE HE WOULD WELCOME YOUR INPUT AND VICE
25 VERSA ON HOW WE COULD WORK TOGETHER ON THOSE ITEMS. THANK YOU



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1 SO MUCH. OH, YOU'RE COLLECTING CARDS. VERY GOOD. THANK YOU.
2 ALL RIGHT. BEFORE I GO ON, WE DO HAVE-- IT'S NOW TIME WE CAN
3 DO S-2, RIGHT? AS A SET ITEM? THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET
4 COMMITTEE, IF THEY COULD COME UP AND JOIN US. MR. SACHS, WOULD
5 YOU LIKE TO SPEAK BEFORE OR AFTER THE PRESENTATION? THANK YOU.

6

7 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** OKAY, SUPERVISORS, THIS IS THE FISCAL
8 OUTLOOK PRESENTATION. THIS IS AN UPDATE SINCE OUR LAST REPORT
9 ON FEBRUARY 3RD, 2009. IT REFLECTS THE YEARS OF '08/'09
10 THROUGH '12/'13. BUT WE'RE PAYING MOST ATTENTION IN TERMS OF
11 THE COMMENTS TO THE REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR AND NEXT YEAR,
12 REALLY THE NEXT 15 MONTHS, WHICH GETS US TO THE NEXT FEDERAL
13 WAIVER. THE MAJOR CHANGES FROM THE PREVIOUS REPORT RELATE TO
14 THREE THINGS. THEY HAVE TO DO WITH THE IMPACT OF THE FEDERAL
15 STIMULUS PACKAGE ON THE F.M.A.P. AND THE DISH ALLOTMENT.
16 THAT'S FUNDING OVER NINE QUARTERS, OVER THREE DIFFERENT FISCAL
17 YEARS AND IS A BENEFIT OF \$194 MILLION OVER THOSE THREE FISCAL
18 YEARS. THERE'S ALSO THE IMPACT OF THE STATE BUDGET TO THE
19 SAFETY NET CARE POOL, TO THE SOUTH L.A. FUND AND OPTIONAL
20 BENEFITS CUTS THAT ADD UP TO ABOUT \$30 MILLION TO THE
21 NEGATIVE. AND IN THIS REPORT OR THIS OUTLOOK, WE HAVE, BASED
22 UPON THE BOARD'S ACTION BEFORE, WE HAVE ADDED RANCHO BACK INTO
23 THE BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR. OVERALL, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THE
24 F.M.A.P., WE HAVE SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT FOR THIS FISCAL
25 YEAR, HAVING REDUCED THE PROJECTED DEFICIT FROM 67 MILLION



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1 DOWN TO 13 MILLION. AND WE HAVE SOME IMPROVEMENT FOR NEXT
2 YEAR, BRINGING THE DEFICIT DOWN PROJECTED FROM A CUMULATIVE
3 412 TO A CUMULATIVE 343. WE STILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT ROOM OR
4 DISTANCE TO GO ON THAT AND I'LL BE HAPPY TO TAKE QUESTIONS.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? MR.
7 ANTONOVICH?

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE QUESTIONS. LET ME ASK: DID THE
10 DEPARTMENT REPORT-- OR THEY REPORTED IN YOUR ANALYSIS THAT THE
11 REQUIREMENTS IN DEVELOPING PLANS FOR DRAWING DOWN ECONOMIC
12 STIMULUS MONEYS FOR HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY? WHEN IS
13 THIS GOING TO BE AVAILABLE TO OUR BOARD?

14

15 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, WE WILL BE HAPPY TO GIVE YOU A
16 REPORT ANY TIME. I THINK AS SOON AS WE GET MORE SPECIFICITY,
17 BOTH FROM THE FEDS AND FROM THE STATE ABOUT HOW THOSE FUNDS
18 WILL BE COMING FORTH, WE WILL GET YOU A DETAILED REPORT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WILL THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH ALSO
21 BE ABLE TO BE RECIPIENT OF THOSE FUNDS?

22

23 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, YES.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WOULD THE COUNTY HOSPITALS QUALIFY FOR
2 MEDICARE AND MEDICAID INCENTIVE PAYMENTS?

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4 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** IF WE MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE
5 ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD, YES.

6

7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** EXCUSE ME, SIR. IN TALKING TO NOT ONLY AMONGST
8 OURSELVES BUT ALSO WITH PROVIDERS IN BOTH NONPROFIT AND FOR
9 PROFIT HEALTHCARE WORLD, THE I.T. MONEY IS EXPECTED, AT LEAST
10 SOME GUIDELINES ON I.T. MONEY, IS EXPECTED TO COME OUT LATER
11 THIS YEAR AND PROBABLY WON'T BE AVAILABLE UNTIL THE BEGINNING
12 PART OF 2010. BUT WE ALL RECOGNIZE THAT IT PRESENTS A
13 TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY IF WE COULD-- IF WE'RE ABLE TO LINK OUR
14 I.T. SYSTEMS NOT ONLY WITHIN D.H.S. BUT ALSO WITH A COMMUNITY
15 AT LARGE, NOTHING WOULD HAVE A GREATER IMPACT ON THE PROVISION
16 OF HEALTHCARE.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** \$500 MILLION FROM THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN
19 WILL BE USED TO ADDRESS HEALTH PROFESSION WORKFORCE SHORTAGES.
20 WOULD THE COUNTY BE ABLE TO UTILIZE FUNDS FOR OUR WORKFORCE
21 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AS AN OFFSET TO THE \$2.5 MILLION TOBACCO
22 SETTLEMENT FUNDS THE COUNTY HAS ALREADY COMMITTED THIS FISCAL
23 YEAR TO BACKFILL THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS?

24



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1 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, WE'RE DEFINITELY LOOKING AT
2 THAT FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR. I DOUBT THAT THE FUNDS WILL BE
3 AVAILABLE TO OFFSET THE FUNDING IN THIS FISCAL YEAR.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW ARE THE DISCRETIONARY PROGRAM FUNDS
6 FROM THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS BEING AWARDED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS?
7 AND HAS THE C.E.O. ANALYZED HOW THOSE FUNDS COULD BE
8 LEVERAGED?

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10 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, RELATIVE TO HEALTH, MOST.
11 FUNDING THAT WE SEE SO FAR IS EITHER BY FORMULA OR BY SUCH AS
12 THE HEALTH I.T. FUNDS, FUNDS THAT WILL COME DOWN AS A
13 SUPPLEMENT TO FUNDING. WE CONTINUE TO LOOK AT THE
14 DISCRETIONARY FUNDING, AS WELL.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WITH YOUR REGULAR, ONGOING PLANNING
17 ACTIVE ACTIVITIES THAT AFFECT OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE
18 DEPARTMENT, DO ANY OF THESE CONTAIN POTENTIAL COST
19 IMPLICATIONS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE FISCAL
20 OUTLOOK?

21

22 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** YES, SUPERVISOR. AND WE WILL BE COMING
23 BACK TO YOU WITH THOSE. OF PARTICULAR NOTE IS BOTH THE COST
24 AND THE POTENTIAL REVENUE FOR THE HEALTH I.T.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION THAT TODAY'S
2 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES FISCAL OUTLOOK INDICATES
3 ESTIMATED SHORTFALLS OF \$13.8 MILLION IN FISCAL YEAR
4 2008/2009, \$343.8 MILLION IN FISCAL YEARS 2009/2010 GOING TO
5 APPROXIMATELY \$1.7 BILLION IN FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013. ALTHOUGH
6 THE FORECAST HAS IMPROVED SINCE THE DEPARTMENT'S LAST REPORT
7 DUE TO AN INCREASE IN THE FEDERAL FUNDS THAT WOULD FLOW TO OUR
8 COUNTY AS A RESULT OF THE STIMULUS PACKAGE, THE REPORT
9 CAUTIONS THAT THERE MAY BE FURTHER MEDI-CAL PROGRAM REDUCTIONS
10 OR OTHER UNANTICIPATED CUTS INCLUDED IN THE GOVERNOR'S MAY
11 REVISE, AS WELL AS FURTHER REDUCTIONS DUE TO THE DECLINE IN
12 SALES TAX AND DECLINE IN VEHICLE LICENSE FEES. WHILE THE
13 DEPARTMENT STATES IT WILL WORK WITH OUR STATE WITH A NEW
14 WAIVER THAT WILL BE SUBMITTED IN THE FALL, IT IS CRITICAL THAT
15 THE BOARD KNOW THE WAIVER PROPOSAL BEING DRAFTED RECONCILES
16 WITH THE FORECAST THAT IS BEING PRESENTED TODAY AND THE
17 REVENUE AND SAVINGS ACTIVITIES ARE PRESENTLY UNDERWAY. SO I
18 WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK IN
19 30 DAYS ON THE STRUCTURE OF THE WAIVER PROPOSAL, HOW IT WILL
20 RECONCILE WITH THE CURRENT ACTIVITIES DISCUSSED IN THE
21 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES FISCAL OUTLOOK AS WELL AS
22 IDENTIFY ANY ITEMS THAT MAY HAVE A POTENTIAL COST THAT HAVE
23 NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED. SO THAT WOULD BE THE MOTION.
24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT MOTION? ALL RIGHT.
2 THIS IS A REPORT BACK. LET ME JUST SAY THAT I CAN'T REMEMBER
3 IF IT WAS "60 MINUTES" OR "DATELINE" THAT I WATCHED THIS
4 WEEKEND THAT TALKED ABOUT THE CUTBACKS OF SOME OF THE COUNTY
5 HOSPITALS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, PARTICULARLY IN LAS VEGAS,
6 WHERE THEY'RE ACTUALLY ELIMINATING SERVICES EVERY SINGLE DAY.
7 AND AT A TIME WHEN PEOPLE ARE LOSING THEIR JOBS AND LOSING
8 THEIR HEALTHCARE COVERAGE, FINDING MORE AND MORE PEOPLE HAVING
9 TO RESORT TO OUR COUNTY FACILITIES IN ORDER TO OBTAIN ANY KIND
10 OF CARE WHATSOEVER. I KNOW THAT OUR BUDGET ISN'T THE BEST AS
11 POSSIBLE, BUT AT LEAST WE'RE HOLDING ON AT THIS POINT IN TIME.
12 HOPEFULLY AS THE STATE GOES THROUGH ITS PROCESS, IT DOESN'T
13 FIND ANOTHER WAY TO CUT A LITTLE BIT MORE FROM HERE. THESE ARE
14 SUCH ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND A SAFETY NET IS SO IMPORTANT TO
15 PRESERVE THAT I APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS IN KEEPING US ABREAST
16 OF ALL OF THE DETAILS OF THE DAY-TO-DAY EXPENDITURES AND
17 WHAT'S GOING ON AND IT'S EVER CHANGING AND PROBABLY WILL
18 CHANGE A LITTLE BIT MORE IN THE WEEKS AND THE MONTHS TO COME.
19 BUT THANK YOU SO MUCH. ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT AMENDMENT, OR WITH
20 THAT MOTION, WITH THE REPORT BACK, THERE'S NO OBJECTION? I'M
21 SORRY? OH, THAT'S RIGHT. MR. SACHS WANTED TO ADDRESS US. OH,
22 HE CHANGED HIS MIND. I HOPE IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU. NO?
23 THANK YOU SO MUCH. ALL RIGHT. THEN THAT ITEM-- ALL RIGHT. IT
24 IS NOW NOONTIME. AND I THINK WE HAD ANOTHER SET ITEM IF I
25 REMEMBER CORRECTLY FOR S-3.



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2 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** S-3. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THIS IS PART OF AN

3 ONGOING AGENDA ITEM THAT DEALS WITH THE STATE BUDGET AND ANY

4 PROPOSALS TO DEFER DELAYED PAYMENTS TO THE COUNTY. AS I STATED

5 LAST WEEK, THE STATE IS CURRENTLY CURRENT. I THINK THAT'S

6 REDUNDANT. IS CURRENT IN THEIR PAYMENTS TO THE COUNTY.

7 HOWEVER, WHAT I DO NEED TO HIGHLIGHT THAT THE DESPITE THE FACT

8 THAT THE STATE APPROVED A BUDGET THAT IDENTIFIED \$42 BILLION

9 IN WHAT WE CHARACTERIZE AS SOLUTIONS, OR ANOTHER WORD FOR A

10 DEFICIT AT THE STATE LEVEL, THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST OFFICE OF

11 THE STATE REPORTED THAT SINCE THE APPROVAL OF THE STATE

12 BUDGET, A REVENUE SHORTFALL OF APPROXIMATELY \$8 BILLION HAS

13 BEEN IDENTIFIED. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT IF THE SPECIAL

14 ELECTION ON MAY 19TH DOES NOT RESULT IN PASSAGES OF THE THREE

15 BALLOT MEASURES, THE STATE WILL HAVE ANOTHER \$5.8 BILLION IN

16 PROBLEMS, WHICH COULD MEAN A POTENTIAL 13 TO AS HIGH AS \$14

17 BILLION SHORTFALL THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED BEFORE THE

18 START OF NEXT FISCAL YEAR. WE KNOW THAT A REFERENCE WAS MADE

19 TO THE MAY REVISE AND WHAT THAT NORMALLY BRINGS AS PART OF THE

20 BUDGET PROCESS, THESE ARE NOT NORMAL TIMES. WE THINK THE MAY

21 REVISE WILL COME OUT WITH ANOTHER SET OF SIGNIFICANT CUTS FROM

22 THE STATE THAT COULD IMPACT A NUMBER OF OUR PROGRAMS. AS

23 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH STATED, AS HE EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN, WE

24 COULD HAVE FURTHER CUTS IN OUR MEDI-CAL PROGRAM, IN OTHER

25 HEALTH AND IN SOCIAL PROGRAMS. THE ONE THING THAT WE'RE DOING



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1 AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH OUR BUDGET PROCESS, WE'RE GOING TO
2 HIGHLIGHT THE FACT THAT IN WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED TO YOU AND
3 RELEASED LATER THIS MONTH WOULD ESSENTIALLY ALLOW US TO
4 MAINTAIN OUR CORE SERVICES BUT YET STILL RESULT IN SOME FAIRLY
5 SIGNIFICANT CUTS FOR OUR COUNTY-FUNDED PROGRAMS. WE HAVE A
6 STATE PROBLEM WITH RESPECT TO THE CURTAILMENTS THAT ARE
7 HAPPENING AT NOT ONLY THE STATE BUT THEN THE FEDERAL LEVEL. WE
8 ALL NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT OUR OWN LOCAL REVENUES ARE COMING
9 IN MUCH LOWER THAN WHAT'S PROJECTED. SO AS WE MOVE FORWARD TO
10 NOT ONLY FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR, BUT AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THE
11 BUDGET FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR, THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME VERY
12 DIFFICULT DECISIONS. AND WITH THAT, POLICY ISSUES BEFORE YOU.
13 DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS ON THIS ITEM?
16 OKAY. THANK YOU FOR THAT UPDATE. LET ME SEE. WHAT ELSE DO WE
17 HAVE? WHAT OTHER ITEMS ARE PENDING?

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19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 10 AND 18.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** 18?

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES. AND 10.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THOUGHT WE HAD DONE THAT ONE ALREADY. OH, DR.
2 CLAVREUL? ON ITEM NO. 18, THIS ITEM IS CONTINUED AFTER THE
3 SPEAKER, IS THAT CORRECT?

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** DR. CLAVREUL? OKAY. YOU ALSO HELD ITEM NO. 10.
8 BUT WHY DON'T WE BEGIN WITH 18?

9

10 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
11 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM 18, I KNOW IT HAS BEEN SENT
12 DOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT, BUT IT IS KIND OF THE WAY IT IS
13 WRITTEN IS KIND OF AMAZING BECAUSE THE COUNTY IS WILLING TO
14 OFFER, GUARANTEES LEASE AND SUBLEASE OF HARBOR-U.C.L.A. FOR
15 31,357 SQUARE FOOT. THEN THE COUNTY WILL LEASE BACK 5,900
16 SQUARE FOOT. WHY DON'T YOU GIVE LESS UP FRONT AND DON'T HAVE
17 TO SUBLEASE FROM THEM AGAIN? DON'T MAKE ANY SENSE TO ME. I
18 JUST WONDER IF IT WAS SENT BACK, BUT CERTAINLY DON'T MAKE ANY
19 GOOD COMMON SENSE WHEN IT COMES TO CONTRACTS. AND THAT'S ALL I
20 HAVE TO SAY ON THIS ONE.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. DO YOU ALSO WANT TO ADDRESS--?

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24 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** ON ITEM 10.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU STARTED WITH ITEM 18? ITEM 10, THEN.

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3 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** ON ITEM 10, I APPRECIATE WHAT
4 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WANTS TO DO, BUT I THINK INSTEAD TO
5 LIMIT IT TO THE SOUTH LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY, THAT KIND OF
6 RESEARCH PROGRAM, CAN YOU BE QUIET A MINUTE? IT WOULD BE NICE
7 IF YOU LISTENED TO THE PUBLIC. IT WOULD BE TOTALLY
8 APPROPRIATE. THANK YOU. I THINK TO LIMIT IT TO SOUTH LOS
9 ANGELES IS KIND OF USELESS BECAUSE THAT KIND OF I.T. PROGRAM
10 WILL BENEFIT OUR COUNTY AND DEFINITELY SHOULD BE FOR OUR
11 COUNTY. IN A STIMULUS PACKAGE, THERE IS \$36 BILLION ARE
12 LOCATED TO I.T., ESPECIALLY VIS-A-VIS HEALTHCARE. AND I THINK
13 SINCE WE ARE THE BIGGEST COUNTY IN THE NATION, WE SHOULD
14 REALLY PUT TOGETHER A VERY WELL-THOUGHT OUT PLAN SO WE CAN GET
15 QUITE OF MONEY FROM THE STIMULUS. THERE IS A LOT OF RESEARCH
16 ON A NATIONAL LEVEL AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL ON INFORMATION
17 TECHNOLOGY. AND RIGHT NOW, IN THE COUNTY, WE HAVE MULTI-
18 MILLION DOLLARS IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WHICH IS NOT
19 CONNECTED WITH EACH OTHER. THEY DON'T TALK TO EACH OTHER. THE
20 HOSPITALS DON'T TALK TO EACH OTHER. SERVICES DON'T TALK BEING
21 TO EACH OTHER. AND I STILL HAVE NEVER RECEIVED THE INFORMATION
22 I REQUESTED A LONG, LONG TIME AGO ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.
23 BUT I THINK WE SHOULD NOT DO IT JUST FOR SOUTH LOS ANGELES. I
24 THINK IT IS A NECESSITY FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY. AND I WILL URGE
25 THAT MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS PUT IT TO THE ENTIRE COUNTY. THANK YOU



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1 SO MUCH. I HAVE ALSO FOR YOUR ATTENTION TWO ARTICLES HAVING TO
2 DO, "DOES THE UNION REALLY BEST SERVE NURSES' INTEREST?" I
3 THINK NOT. IT WAS PUBLISHED IN MISSOURI. ANOTHER ONE,
4 ESPECIALLY DEALING WITH THE S.E.I.U., "UNIONS SHOULD FIRST FIX
5 THEMSELVES INSTEAD OF TRYING TO UNIONIZE OTHER PEOPLE." THANK
6 YOU.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. ON ITEM NO. 18, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
9 YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SO ORDERED
10 ON THAT ITEM.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAME CHAIR, ON 18, THAT ITEM WAS
13 CONTINUED.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** I APOLOGIZE. THAT ITEM HAS BEEN CONTINUED ONE
20 WEEK. YOU ALSO HELD ITEM NO. 10? CORRECT? ALL RIGHT.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. WITH
23 YOUR PERMISSION, AS YOU DEEM IT APPROPRIATE, I'LL DO
24 ADJOURNMENTS IN MEMORY, IS THAT IN ORDER? OR WHAT IS YOUR



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1 PLEASURE? 10 OR THESE ADJOURNMENTS THIS WHAT IS YOUR PLEASURE,
2 MADAME CHAIR?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET'S DO ITEM 10 SINCE SHE SPOKE ON THAT ITEM AND
5 WE CAN GET IT OUT OF THE WAY.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** OKAY. I'LL BE GLAD TO ADDRESS THAT. YOU
8 MAY RECALL AT LAST WEEK'S MEETING, WE DID TAKE UP THE MATTER
9 OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. I'M PLEASED TO INDICATE THAT
10 PURSUANT TO THE READING OF LAST WEEK, OFFICERS DID LOOK AT THE
11 ITEM WITH A LOT OF ATTENTION AND THEREFORE, RATHER THAN
12 FOCUSING EXCLUSIVELY ON SOUTH LOS ANGELES, THERE IS A
13 SENTIMENT TO EXPAND IT BEYOND THAT. WITH THAT IN MIND, MADAME
14 CHAIR, MAY I THEN SAY THE AMENDING LANGUAGE WOULD, BASED ON
15 CORPORATE INPUT, DIRECT THE C.E.O. AND THE CHIEF INFORMATION
16 OFFICER, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND OTHER
17 APPROPRIATE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY
18 ASSESSMENT CREATING A COUNTY-WIDE HEALTH INFORMATION
19 TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT. THIS PROJECT SHOULD ALLOW A
20 COST-EFFECTIVE AND ELECTRONIC SECURE EXCHANGE OF PATIENT
21 MEDICAL RECORDS AMONG RELEVANT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HEALTH
22 PROVIDERS. THIS COULD BE WHAT WE WOULD HOPE AN EXCEPTIONAL
23 ADVANCE IN THE WAY IN WHICH WE DO BUSINESS AND PROVIDE
24 HEALTHCARE TO THE PERSON SEEKING SUCH IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
25 ANGELES. MADAME CHAIR, MAY I INDICATE THAT IN ADDITION TO



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1 THAT, THIS COULD GO A LONG WAY WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUE OF
2 HEALTHCARE DISPARITIES. THIS COULD BE LARGE. THEN WE WISH TO
3 DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO CREATE A TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP ADD
4 INCLUDES KEY PRIVATE AND PUBLIC PARTNERS SUCH AS BUT NOT
5 LIMITED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, THE
6 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES, CAL TECH, LOYOLA
7 MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY, CLAREMONT-MCKENNA, AZUSA-PACIFIC
8 UNIVERSITIES AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM, FOR EXAMPLE, LONG BEACH
9 NETWORK FOR HEALTH, PERFORMAGENCE CORPORATION, NATIONAL
10 INTEGRATED HEALTH NETWORK COALITION AND THE L.A. THESE ARE A
11 NUMBER OF ENTITIES THAT WE KNOW ARE INTERESTED IN THIS AREA OF
12 WORK AND COULD POTENTIALLY ADD VALUE PURSUANT TO THE C.E.O.'S
13 POPULATING THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP. FINALLY, MADAME CHAIR
14 AND MEMBERS, DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN
15 60 DAYS WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED H.I.T. INITIATIVES,
16 COST ESTIMATE PROPOSED, TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS,
17 PROPOSED SOURCE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FUNDS, INCLUDING THOSE
18 ECONOMIC STIMULUS RESOURCES AND IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE. THOSE
19 ARE THE AMENDMENTS. AND I ONCE AGAIN WISH TO SAY THAT FOR THIS
20 TO HAVE COUNTY-WIDE IMPLICATIONS BUILDS ON WHAT WE BROUGHT
21 FORWARD LAST WEEK. IT SEEMS TO ME THIS IS A WORTHWHILE
22 DIRECTION IN WHICH WE'RE HEADED. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** VERY GOOD. THAT ITEM IS MOVED. I THINK WE ALL
25 HAVE THE AMENDMENT ON OUR DESK. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-



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1 THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO
2 OBJECTION--

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE ONE.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** A QUESTION?

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NOT AN OBJECTION, JUST A CLARIFICATION.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST NEED ONE THING THAT I WANT TO-- ON
13 THE ISSUE OF A TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, IF I COULD JUST
14 ASK MR. KALUNIAN AND NOT KALUNIAN, NOT KOLOUNIAN. MR KALUNIAN--
15 - THERE ARE A NUMBER OF GENERIC, LET ME JUST BE GENERIC. IF
16 SOMEONE ON THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WHICH IS
17 PRESUMABLY DESIGNED TO ADVISE THE COUNTY STAFF IN THE
18 DEVELOPMENT OF THIS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MODEL, LATER SEEKS
19 TO BID OR ENTER INTO PROCUREMENT WITH THE COUNTY FOR THIS
20 SAME, FOR THE OUTCOME OF THIS STUDY PROCESS, WOULD THEY BE--
21 IF THEY WANT TO, WOULD THEY BE PRECLUDED FROM DOING SO BECAUSE
22 THEY WERE PART OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE? IS THERE A CONFLICT
23 OF INTEREST THERE?

24



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1 **ROBERT KALUNIAN, COUNSEL:** I THINK IT WOULD DEPEND ON THEIR
2 ACTUAL INVOLVEMENT IN WHAT TYPE-- IF THEY WERE TO, IN OTHER
3 WORDS, SET THE REQUIREMENTS, THERE OBVIOUSLY WOULD BE A
4 CONFLICT. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF MERELY GENERAL ADVICE IT MAY
5 OR MAY NOT BE.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IF THEY ARE PRIVY TO INFORMATION THAT
8 IS DEVELOPED BY OTHERS, INCLUDING THE COUNTY STAFF AND OTHER
9 TECHNICAL EXPERTS THAT GIVES THEM A HEADS UP OVER OTHERS WHO
10 MAY COMPETE WITH THEM.

11

12 **ROBERT KALUNIAN, COUNSEL:** IT WOULD CERTAINLY BE AN ISSUE AND A
13 CONCERN. IF IN FACT THAT WERE A CASE, THAT WOULD BE A CONCERN.
14 OBVIOUSLY THERE WOULD BE A CONFLICT. IF THEY'RE PRIVY TO
15 INFORMATION THAT OTHER INDIVIDUALS WOULD NOT BE IN THE PUBLIC
16 THAT WOULD BE BIDDING AGAINST THEM.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA, IF
19 NOT ONLY FOR LEGAL REASONS BUT FOR APPEARANCE REASONS THAT
20 IT'S CLEAR-- I DON'T KNOW THAT THERE WOULD BE ANY OBJECTION TO
21 THIS-- THAT ANYBODY THAT'S ON THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP
22 UNDERSTAND WHAT THE-- WELL, THAT THERE WOULD BE-- I GUESS TO
23 CHOOSE BETWEEN THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP OR WHETHER YOU'RE
24 GOING TO COMPETE FOR COUNTY BUSINESS DOWN THE LINE. HOW YOU
25 WOULD ELEGANTLY SAY THAT, I DIDN'T SAY IT AS ELEGANTLY AS I'D



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1 LIKE. BUT I THINK IT'S A PROBLEM. BECAUSE WE KNOW OF AT LEAST
2 ONE GROUP HERE THAT IS NAMED THAT WE HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH IN
3 THE PAST, THE COUNTY HAD, AND ANOTHER ONE THAT I GOOGLED THAT
4 IS IN THE SAME KIND OF BUSINESS, AT LEAST ACCORDING TO THEIR
5 WEBSITE. AND I DON'T KNOW THE OTHERS. I DON'T KNOW SOME OF THE
6 OTHERS. AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT OTHER INTERESTS THAT THE
7 UNIVERSITIES MIGHT HAVE. SO I JUST THINK THIS IS SOMETHING
8 THAT WE NEED TO DRAW THE LINE FROM THE OUTSET AND NOT HAVE
9 THAT KIND OF-- AND NOT HAVE SOMEBODY WITH A POTENTIAL
10 FINANCIAL INTEREST DRIVING OR HELPING TO DRIVE OUR AGENDA OR
11 BENEFITING FROM THEIR ACCESS TO INFORMATION. YOU WANT TO
12 COMMENT?

13

14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND THE CONCERN AND THE FACT THAT AS
15 I MENTIONED EARLIER THERE'S A HIGH POTENTIAL AS WE MOVE
16 FORWARD WITH ANY I.T. INITIATIVE, D.H.S. WILL BE ACCESSING
17 FEDERAL STIMULUS MONEY, SO WE'LL ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY'S
18 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND WITH THAT ANY NECESSARY SAFEGUARDS
19 ARE PUT-- ARE CLEARLY DELINEATED TO ANYBODY THAT PARTICIPATES
20 IN THIS.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR?

23

24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** EVEN TO THE POINT WHEN I SAY DELINEATED, I
25 DON'T MEAN JUST VERBALLY. WE'LL MAKE SURE THAT FOLKS TAKE THE



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1 NECESSARY STEPS TO, BOTH AS WE MAKE THEM UNDERSTAND AND THEY
2 ACCEPT THE TERMS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION ON THIS ADVISORY
3 COMMITTEE.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CONSISTENT WITH THE COMMENTS THAT THE COUNTY
6 COUNSEL?

7

8 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** CONSISTENT WITH OUR COUNTY POLICY AND WHAT OUR
9 ACTING COUNTY COUNSEL JUST SAID.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT WOULD BE GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR?

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MAY I UNDERScore THE LANGUAGE IN THE
16 MOTION THAT IS SPECIFICALLY CALLED A TECHNICAL ADVISORY
17 COMMITTEE. AND TO COUNTY COUNSEL, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME ACCESS
18 TO INFORMATION THAT WOULD ADVANTAGE OR DISADVANTAGE ANYONE
19 WOULD BE PRECLUDED BY VIRTUE OF IT BEING ADVISORY RATHER THAN
20 ANY ENTITY THAT WOULD HAVE AUTHORITY AS IT RELATES TO THE
21 SELECTION OF A POTENTIAL VENDOR OR ANYTHING OF THE LIKE. WHAT
22 I WOULD HOPE TO BE INTERPRETED PURSUANT TO THE SUGGESTION HERE
23 IS TO MAXIMIZE THE INPUT THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO US AND TO
24 THE C.E.O. SPECIFICALLY FROM A RANGE OF ENTITIES. AND TO, A
25 PRIORI, PRECLUDE ANY SUCH INPUT AT AN ADVISORY LEVEL, NOT AT A



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1 DECISION MAKING LEVEL, NOT AT A LEVEL OF SELECTING OR DEFINING
2 WHAT AN R.F.P., AN R.F.Q., AN R.F.I., WOULD BE, IT SEEMS TO ME
3 THAT'S THE THRUST OF WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO ENGENDER HERE. AND
4 I WOULD THINK THAT ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OUGHT TO BE
5 APPROPRIATELY HANDLED. BUT ONCE HAVING REPORTED BACK TO THE
6 BOARD IN 60 DAYS AS TO HOW THIS IS TAKING SHAPE SOME OF THESE
7 MATTERS WOULD EFFECTIVELY BE HANDLED. LET ME UNDERScore
8 ADVISORY. TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS THE CASE, MADAME CHAIR,
9 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I WOULD HOPE THAT THE SPIRIT OF THE
10 MOTION AND THE AMENDMENTS AND THE DELINEATION OF THE RANGE OF
11 GROUPS, BOTH PUBLIC SECTOR, PRIVATE SECTOR, FOR PROFIT,
12 NONPROFIT WOULD BE ESSENTIALLY TO BUILD A BIG TENT FOR THE
13 PURPOSES OF GIVING INPUT AND DRIVING THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF
14 HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY NETWORKED THAT MIGHT BE DESIGNED
15 DESIGNED.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, SIR.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FIRST OF ALL, I DON'T BELIEVE THERE WILL BE
20 ANY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN THE NEXT 60 DAYS. AS I
21 UNDERSTAND THE MOTION, YOU'RE GOING TO COME BACK AND REPORT ON
22 THAT. UNLESS THAT WAS TAKEN OUT OF THIS AMENDMENT, I DON'T
23 KNOW. SO YOU WERE GOING TO REPORT BACK IN 60 DAYS ON THE
24 ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ISN'T THAT WHAT YOUR MOTION CALLS FOR? SO



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1 THERE IS GOING TO BE NO ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN THE NEXT 60
2 DAYS.

3

4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT SPEAKS TO PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP OF THAT
5 COMMITTEE.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PROPOSED. THEN IT WAS CHANGED FROM THE
8 EARLIER VERSION. I APOLOGIZE. BUT THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT
9 CHANGED, A LOT HAS CHANGED. LET ME JUST READ THIS PARAGRAPH,
10 I'M SORRY. IT SAYS DIRECT-- NUMBER 3 DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO
11 REPORT BACK TO OUR BOARD IN 60 DAYS WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE
12 PROPOSED H.I.T. INITIATIVE, COST ESTIMATE, PROPOSED TECHNICAL
13 ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS. SO I WAS CORRECT. YOU'RE GOING TO
14 REPORT BACK IN 60 DAYS ON A PROPOSED GROUP OF TECHNICAL
15 ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS, WHICH I INFER PRIOR TO THAT THERE
16 WOULD BE NO TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP. YOU WOULD REPORT TO US
17 WHO THOSE MEMBERS WOULD BE. SO I THINK WE'RE CLEAR ON THAT. I
18 DON'T WANT TO HAVE A DEBATE ABOUT THIS NOW. I'M PERFECTLY
19 HAPPY TO, BUT IN THE INTEREST OF TIME THERE IS NO NEED TO. I
20 DON'T MAKE THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN ADVISORY AND AUTHORITY.
21 PEOPLE WHO ARE IN AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ROLE HAVE CERTAIN
22 ACCESS THAT OTHERS DO NOT: ACCESS TO PEOPLE, ACCESS TO
23 INFORMATION, ACCESS TO DISCUSSION. AND MY I WOULD JUST BE VERY
24 CAUTIOUS, KNOWING-- I WON'T GET INTO THIS NOW. MR. FUJIOKA,
25 YOU ARE WELL AWARE OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH WE HAD DISCUSSIONS



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1 ABOUT A YEAR AGO ON THIS VERY SUBJECT WITH ONE INDIVIDUAL. AND
2 THIS TRACKS WITH EXACTLY THE SAME KINDS OF STUFF HE WAS DOING
3 DOING. I HAVE NO PROBLEM GETTING INFORMATION, PICKING
4 ANYBODY'S BRAIN FOR INFORMATION, THAT WOULD HELP US. WHAT I
5 DON'T WANT IS SOMEBODY WHO IS PICKING OUR BRAIN AND THEN
6 BENEFITING FROM IT FROM A SUBSEQUENT COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT.
7 IT MAY BE WORTHWHILE, MR. KALUNIAN TO HAVE YOUR SPECIALISTS IN
8 THE OFFICE TAKE A LOOK AT THE ISSUE GENERICALLY BECAUSE THERE
9 IS NO PROTOCOL HERE AS TO HOW THIS TECHNICAL ADVISORY
10 COMMITTEE IS GOING TO WORK. THERE IS NO PROTOCOL AS TO WHO IS
11 GOING TO BE TALKING TO WHOM AND WHETHER IT'S SUBJECT TO THE
12 BROWN ACT, WHETHER THERE IS GOING TO BE NO MEETINGS OF THE
13 TECHNICAL ADVISORY ARE GOING TO BE PUBLIC, WHETHER MEMBERS OF
14 THE PUBLIC CAN WATCH THE DELIBERATIONS AND ALL THAT SORT OF
15 THING. AND I'M NOT SUGGESTING THAT WE DO. BUT I THINK THAT THE
16 IDEA OF A TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS EXCELLENT. THE IDEA
17 OF HAVING SOMEBODY SERVE ON A COMMITTEE THAT BENEFITS FROM IT
18 AND THEN CAN HAVE A LEG UP, NOT A HEADS UP, BUT A LEG UP IN A
19 PROCUREMENT COMPETITION IS ANOTHER STORY. AND I DON'T MAKE THE
20 DISTINCTION BETWEEN ADVISORY AND NOT ADVISORY IN THAT REGARD.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, IF I MAY.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE EXTENT OF WHAT I WOULD SAY IN
2 CONNECTION WITH THAT, IF THERE'S SOMEONE ON THE LIST THAT WE
3 SHOULD BE WARY ABOUT, IT'S A LIST THAT CAME FROM SEVERAL
4 OFFICES AND NOT THE LEAST OF WHOM WOULD BE MY OWN. IF YOU KNOW
5 SOMETHING, MR. YAROSLAVSKY, THAT I SHOULD BE AWARE OF, I'D BE
6 APPRECIATIVE OF BEING ABLE TO KNOW THAT. SECONDLY, I ASSUME
7 THAT THE C.E.O. WOULD KNOW THE RULES OF THE ROAD IN TERMS OF
8 THE PARAMETERS AND THE CONTOURS OF CONFLICTS. AND SO THE
9 THRUST OF THIS MOTION IS ESSENTIALLY TO DIRECT AND/OR TO
10 INSTRUCT THE C.E.O. TO COME BACK TO US WITH THE APPROPRIATE
11 RECOMMENDATIONS NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF COMPOSITION BUT
12 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEDULE AND THE LIKE. I HAVE CONFIDENCE
13 AND A HIGH LEVEL OF TRUST THAT THE C.E.O. IS CAPABLE OF DOING
14 THAT AND THEREFORE THE MOTION IS PRESENTED AS YOU HAVE IT AND
15 IT HAS BEEN AMENDED.

16
17 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SO WITH THOSE CLARIFICATIONS AS
18 REVISED, IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION.

19
20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST WANT TO BE CLEAR. WE HEARD WHAT THE
21 C.E.O. SAID. I'M GOING BY WHAT YOU SAID. YOU'RE GOING TO
22 CONSULT WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL. YOU WILL APPROPRIATELY
23 COMMUNICATE WITH PEOPLE WHO WANT TO SERVE ABOUT WHERE THE
24 LINES ARE DRAWN. I DON'T NEED TO REPEAT IT.



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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE WILL DO THAT. GIVEN THE FACT THAT NOT ONLY
2 WILL WE BE USING COUNTY FUNDS, EXCUSE ME. WE WILL BE USING
3 FEDERAL FUNDS, WE'LL BE USING FEDERAL FUNDS, THERE IS THE
4 POSSIBILITY OF USING SOME DEGREE OF STATE FUNDS. THE
5 TRANSPARENCY AND THE NEED TO COMPLY WITH ALL STATUTES, WHETHER
6 IT'S AT THE FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL LEVEL AS IT RELATES TO
7 CONFLICTS IS AN ABSOLUTE. SO WE WILL ENSURE THAT HAPPENS.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SEPARATE AND APART FROM THIS ONE ISSUE, IN
10 TERMS OF THE OTHER WORK THAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING ON THE
11 DEVELOPMENT OF THE H.I.T., I ASSUME THIS IS ALL PART OF ONE
12 COUNTY-WIDE EFFORT THAT FOLDS INTO THAT, THIS MOTION FOLDS
13 INTO THAT EFFORT?

14

15 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ABSOLUTELY. EVEN THE DISCUSSION OF SUPERVISOR
16 ANTONOVICH EARLIER WITH RESPECT TO FEDERAL STIMULUS DOLLARS
17 FOR I.T. SYSTEMS, IT HAS TO ALL COME TOGETHER. IT WOULD BE
18 CRAZY TO HAVE THREE SEPARATE EFFORTS. SO WE WILL DO THAT.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, TO MR. FUJIOKA THROUGH THE
21 CHAIR, THERE IS NOTHING IN THE MOTION AT THIS POINT THAT HAS
22 BEEN SAID THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE CONTENT OF THE MOTION
23 AS YOU INTERPRET THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE BOARD, THE BOARD AS A
24 WHOLE.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. ANY FURTHER
2 DISCUSSION? ANY OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM.
3 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR YOUR ADJOURNMENTS, PLEASE?

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. THERE ARE TWO
6 MOTIONS THAT I WOULD APPRECIATE US TAKING NOTE OF. FIRST IS
7 THE PASSING OF FLOSSIE LOUISE CHRISTOPHER. LONG-TIME SECOND
8 DISTRICT RESIDENT AND DEDICATED MEMBER OF THE GREATER EBENEZER
9 MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 3 AT THE AGE OF
10 97 YEARS. SHE WAS AN AVID READER AND ENJOYED HER HOBBY OF
11 SEWING TREMENDOUSLY. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER
12 CHILDREN, ERNEST, CHRISTOPHER, JR., HAROLD CHRISTOPHER SENIOR.
13 JOSEPH CHRISTOPHER, SARAH, CAROL BOOTY AND CARL CHRISTOPHER
14 SENIOR AS WELL AS A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF
15 HER CONGREGATION. ADDITIONALLY, MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS,
16 FRANK HARRIS, A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY WORKFORCE, SPECIFICALLY
17 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDING AND SAFETY EMPLOYEE
18 WHO PASSED RATHER SUDDENLY, JUST YESTERDAY, APRIL 6TH, 2009.
19 HE WAS FORMERLY WITH THE BUILDING AND SAFETY UNIT THE
20 FLORENCE-FIRESTONE OFFICE AND MORE RECENTLY WITH THE LOMITA
21 OFFICE. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY, FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
22 AND WHILE ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE, MADAME CHAIR, MAY I TAKE THE
23 OPPORTUNITY TO INDICATE THAT I HAD THE HONOR OF REPRESENTING
24 THE BOARD YESTERDAY ON THE OCCASION OF THE 115TH BIRTHDAY OF
25 GERTRUDE GAINES, BORN IN 1894, NOW DOCUMENTED BY GUINNESS AS



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1 THE OLDEST LIVING PERSON IN THE WORLD, THE RESIDENT OF THE
2 SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. SO WE CHEER HER ON, AND GIVE
3 HER--

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE ALL WISH HER A HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MISS GAINES.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** VERY GOOD. I ALSO HAVE TWO ADJOURNMENTS. I'D LIKE
10 TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MARY SALDANA, THE
11 BELOVED OF A MOTHER OF A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE, LINDA MARMOLEJO.
12 MARY WAS A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF THE FIRST DISTRICT. WE WANT
13 TO EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO LINDA AND HER ENTIRE
14 FAMILY. I'D ALSO LIKE THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF FIRST
15 DISTRICT RESIDENT OF RALPH ALLEN BLUNT, BELOVED FATHER OF
16 C.E.O. ANALYST JAMES BLUNT. RALPH WAS A VERY PROUD U.S.
17 VETERAN, ALSO WORKED ON THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR NEARLY
18 THREE DECADES. HE WAS ALSO VERY ACTIVE IN HIS CHURCH AS WELL
19 AS IN THE COMMUNITY. SO WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO
20 RALPH AND HIS ENTIRE FAMILY. SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.
21 MR. YAROSLAVSKY, DID YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS, PLEASE?

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, I HAVE TWO ADJOURNING MOTIONS.
24 MY FIRST ADJOURNING MOTION I'M VERY SADDENED TO REPORT THAT
25 ALFRED FLORES, JR., A CONSTITUENT OF MINE AND A LONG TIME



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1 RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT, DIED TRAGICALLY IN A DRIVE-BY
2 SHOOTING AT THE AGE OF 18 ON EARLY FRIDAY MORNING. ALFRED IS
3 THE SON OF FRED FLORES, WHO IS A LONG-TIME AIDE AND CONTINUES
4 TO SERVE AS AN AIDE TO CONGRESSMAN HOWARD BERMAN IN THE SAN
5 FERNANDO VALLEY OFFICE AND FRED'S ALSO MY APPOINTEE ON THE
6 COUNTY VETERANS' ADVISORY COMMISSION. HIS MOTHER, CHRISTINE,
7 IS SURVIVED ALSO BY HIS MOTHER CHRISTINE AND SIBLINGS, GINA,
8 HEATHER, JENNIFER, JIMMY, JOHNNY, JESSIE, JUSTIN ANTHONY AND
9 ALEC, AND HIS GRANDPARENTS, OLIVA, RITA, ALFRED AND AMANDO.
10 THE FUNERAL IS ON WEDNESDAY, TOMORROW MORNING, WEDNESDAY
11 MORNING AT 10 A.M. MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH IN PACOIMA. ASK ALL
12 MEMBERS TO JOIN IN THAT ONE. IT'S OKAY? ALSO ASK THAT WE
13 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MAURICE JARRE, OSCAR WINNING FILM
14 COMPOSER BEST KNOWN FOR HIS SCORES FOR "DR. ZHIVAGO,"
15 "LAWRENCE OF ARABIA," "PASSAGE TO INDIA," AMONG OTHERS, WHO
16 DIED AT THE AGE OF 84. AND WROTE SOME OF THE GREAT SCORES THAT
17 WE'RE ALL FAMILIAR WITH AND PROBABLY HUM FROM TIME TO TIME.
18 EVOCATIVE, ROMANTIC, PASSIONATE, DRAMATIC SCORES THAT HAVE
19 STOOD THE TEST OF TIME. THOSE ARE MY TWO MOTIONS.
20
21 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS, INCLUDING THE
22 ALL MEMBERS THAT WAS READ BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THOSE
23 CONCLUDE ALL THE ITEMS BEFORE US. WE NOW HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT.
24 I'D LIKE JOSHUA KIM TO JOIN US, FOLLOWED BY SUSAN BURTON, MIKE



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1 CHATTOM AND EVELYN THIBEAUX, IF THEY'D COME UP. MR. KIM IF
2 YOU'D BEGIN.

3

4 **JOSHUA KIM:** THANK YOU. WELL, AS IT IS WELL KNOWN, PEOPLE WITH
5 CRIMINAL RECORDS COME BACK AND STRUGGLE TO REINTEGRATE EVERY
6 DAY. THE CHALLENGES THAT THEY FACE ARE ENORMOUS. AND WE'RE
7 HERE TODAY TO ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO KEEP THEM IN MIND AT
8 EVERY OPPORTUNITY. AS YOU DISCUSS EXISTING POLICIES AFFECTING
9 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES UNDER YOUR PURVIEW. FOR EXAMPLE, WE
10 UNDERSTAND THAT THE COUNTY CURRENTLY HAS A HIRING FREEZE IN
11 PLACE. BEFORE THE COUNTY TURNS AROUND AND/OR THE FEDERAL
12 STIMULUS PACKAGE MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO LIFT THIS FREEZE, RIGHT
13 NOW IS A GREAT TIME FOR US TO EXAMINE WHAT THE COUNTY CAN DO
14 TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. WE DO HAVE A COUPLE PROPOSALS THAT WILL
15 INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY WHILE AFFORDING PEOPLE WITH CRIMINAL
16 RECORDS AN OPPORTUNITY TO COME BACK WITH STABLE JOBS. WE DO
17 NOT INTEND TO PRESENT THIS PARTICULARS OF OUR PROPOSALS TODAY,
18 BUT WE HOPE THAT OUR PRESENCE HERE TODAY WILL RESTART OUR
19 DIALOGUE WITH THIS BOARD ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT AND PRESSING
20 ISSUE. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUSAN BURTON:** HI, MY NAME IS SUSAN BURTON AND I'M DIRECTOR OF
23 A NEW WAY OF LIFE RE-ENTRY PROJECT AND AN ORGANIZING MEMBER OF
24 ALL OF US OR NONE. WE WERE HERE FEBRUARY 10TH. I WAS HERE
25 FEBRUARY 10TH. AND FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO SAY TO SUPERVISOR



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1 MOLINA THAT IT WAS NOT MY INTENT TO GET INTO SUCH A HEATED
2 DEBATE WITH HER. I GUESS PASSION AND COMMITMENT TO ADDRESS THE
3 CONCERNS OR TO ADDRESS THE NEED FOR PEOPLE TO HAVE SERVICES
4 COMING HOME FROM PRISONS AND JAILS SORT OF DROVE THAT FOR ME.
5 I JUST WANTED TO PUT THAT OUT FRONT. BUT, YOU KNOW, IT
6 CONTINUES TO BE A CHALLENGE IN THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL
7 DISTRICT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THOSE WHO ARE COMING BACK INTO
8 OUR COMMUNITY, TO MEET THE NEEDS AND ADVOCATE FOR JOBS FOR
9 THOSE WHO ARE COMING BACK INTO THAT DISTRICT. AND I JUST WANT
10 TO KEEP IN THE LIGHT THAT THE SUPERVISORS WILL CONNECT WITH
11 THIS NEED. AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN TALK. WE'VE TRIED ON SEVERAL
12 OCCASIONS TO CALL YOUR OFFICES TO SET UP APPOINTMENTS TO COME
13 IN TO TALK WITH YOU OR YOUR CHIEFS OF STAFF OR YOUR STAFF
14 MEMBERS, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A DIALOGUE. WE'VE BEEN
15 WORKING AROUND SOME ISSUES AND WE THINK WE CAME UP WITH SOME
16 OF THE SOLUTIONS TO BEGIN TO ADDRESS IT AND HOPE THAT WE CAN
17 CONNECT WITH YOU. WE HOPE THAT WE CAN CONNECT WITH YOU, THAT
18 WE CAN COME INTO YOUR OFFICES AND TALK TO YOU AND MAYBE
19 PERHAPS YOU CAN LOOK AT THESE PROPOSALS. SO THANK YOU.

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21 **EVELYN THIBEAUX:** MY NAME IS EVELYN THIBEAUX, AND I'M THE
22 DIRECTOR OF ACHIEVERS HOUSE, A TRANSITIONAL LIVING FOR WOMEN.
23 I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE PEOPLE
24 THAT ARE ON PAROLE THAT COME FROM PRISON THAT ATTEND THE
25 PROGRAMS THAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO ALL THE MEETINGS THAT



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1 THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO, AND THEY KIND OF DO THE THINGS THAT
2 THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO, AND THEN IT COMES TO EMPLOYMENT AND THEN
3 THERE'S A DOWN HILL. SOME OF THESE PEOPLE ARE EMPLOYABLE. SOME
4 OF THESE PEOPLE WANT TO WORK. AND I REALLY BELIEVE THAT THEY
5 DESERVE A CHANCE TO TRANSCEND BACK INTO SOCIETY. AND PART OF
6 THAT IS EMPLOYMENT. BECAUSE SOME OF THEM HAVE CHILDREN. THEY
7 HAVE FAMILIES. AND THEY WANT TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES
8 JUST LIKE ANYBODY ELSE. THEY WANT TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THE
9 THINGS THAT OTHER PEOPLE HAVE. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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11 **MIKE CHATTOM:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MIKE CHATTOM, I'M THE
12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY LEGAL RESEARCH CENTER. I DO
13 JOIN WITH MY FELLOW COLLEAGUES TODAY AND LOOKING AT THE
14 BACKGROUND OF THOSE WHO ARE FORMALLY INCARCERATED AND NEED
15 AMPLE EMPLOYMENT THEIR LIVELIHOOD AND FOR THEIR FAMILIES. IT
16 HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT IN THE RECENT ELECTIONS IN THE
17 PAST, WE HAVE SOUGHT EMPLOYMENT WHEN WORKING WITH IN THE L.A.
18 COUNTY OFFICE IN 2400 IMPERIAL HIGHWAY. WE HAVE ASKED
19 SUPERVISORS TO BE CONSIDERATE ABOUT THE ISSUES THAT CONCERN
20 THEM WHEN THEY APPLY FOR JOBS IN THAT AREA, PARTICULARLY IN
21 THE AREAS OF ELECTIONS. AS IT CAME TO MY ATTENTION ALMOST TWO
22 WEEKS AGO, THEY HAVE NOW INSTITUTED THE LIVE SCAN BACKGROUND.
23 IN THE PAST, THEY HAVE ASKED US TO SUBMIT DRIVER'S LICENSES
24 AND H-6 PAST PRINTOUTS OF THEIR DRIVER'S RECORDS OF THE
25 INDIVIDUALS. BUT WITH THIS IN MIND, IT'S CAUSED A GREAT



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1 CONCERN BECAUSE MANY PEOPLE WOULD NOT COME FORWARD AND APPLY
2 FOR THESE JOBS WHEN THEY HAVE TO DO A LIVE SCAN BECAUSE THEY
3 KNOW THEY PASSED. WE WOULD LIKE IT TO BE INSTITUTED THAT THEIR
4 FORMER EMPLOYMENT WOULD BE CONSIDERED AND THAT THEIR DRIVING
5 RECORD WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS THEIR EMPLOYMENT TOWARD DRIVING
6 THE TRUCKS THAT ARE NEEDED IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT A NEW
7 PROCEDURE FOR THE ELECTIONS NEXT THURSDAY COMING FORWARD MAY
8 19TH. SO WE WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO KNOW THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS
9 ARE NEEDING THESE JOBS TO CARRY OUT OUR ELECTIONS IN OUR
10 COUNTY. SO THAT IS MY CONCERN. THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. LET US CALL UP CHARSLEEN POE AND WALTER
13 BECKTEL, SHELIAH WARD AND NICOLE PARSON.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA:** PLEASE PROCEED.

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17 **CHARSLEEN POE:** I GUESS I'LL BE FIRST. MY NAME IS CHARSLEEN
18 POE, AND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT
19 I AM PART OF NEW WAY OF LIFE. I'M A RESIDENT THERE. AND WHAT
20 I'M HERE TO ASK IS IF THERE'S ANYTHING THAT CAN BE DONE FOR
21 PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN ON PAROLE AND THAT HAVE BEEN IS TRYING
22 TO BE REHABILITATED, PLEASE DO SOMETHING TO HELP US. THAT'S
23 IT.

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1 **SHELIAH WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH. I'M
2 SHELIAH WARD, I'M HERE REPRESENTING DISCLOSURE WATCH. I'M THE
3 NATIONAL ORGANIZER FOR THAT ORGANIZATION. I'M HERE ON BEHALF
4 OF ATTORNEY RICHARD FINES THAT HAS BEEN INCARCERATED FOR
5 SEVERAL WEEKS FOR NOT DISCLOSING HIS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
6 AFTER CHALLENGING THE JUDGES THAT HAVE BEEN MISAPPROPRIATING
7 FUNDS AND MISAPPROPRIATING THEIR ABILITY TO BE JUDGES IN THIS
8 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. AND THIS ENERGY IS PROPOSED SO THAT
9 WE CAN HAVE AN AMERICA TO LIVE IN. WE HAVE OVER 38,000
10 CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE. THERE WAS A LAW JUST PASSED BY KAREN
11 BASS SAYING THAT THESE FOSTER CARE CHILDREN NOW HAVE TO STAY
12 IN FOSTER CARE UNTIL THEY'RE 21. IMAGINE, IF YOU WILL, YOU'RE
13 IN FOSTER CARE. THEY CHANGED YOUR NAME WHEN YOU WERE A BABY.
14 YOU GROW UP. YOU DON'T KNOW WHO YOUR FAMILY IS. THE PEOPLE
15 THAT ADOPTED YOU, THEY ARE NO LONGER IN THE WORLD. SO YOU'RE
16 ALONE IN THE WORLD WITH NO WHERE TO GO AND NOTHING TO DO. SO
17 WHAT DO YOU DO? YOU COME TOGETHER WITH PEOPLE YOUR AGE AND
18 THAT HAVE THE SAME DISPARITIES THAT YOU HAVE, AND YOU ORGANIZE
19 WHAT IS CALLED A GANG. WHEN YOU GET THIS GANG ORGANIZED, THEN
20 YOU WANT TO ORGANIZE TYRANNY AND ANARCHY BECAUSE YOU DON'T
21 LIKE THE WORLD, YOU THINK IT'S NOT WORKING FOR YOU. SO I'M
22 HERE TO APPEAL FOR THOSE FOSTER CARE CHILDREN, I'M HERE
23 AGAINST THE UNRIGHTEOUSNESS THAT'S BEING DONE IN OUR POLITICAL
24 SYSTEM. WE DON'T HAVE ANOTHER WORLD TO LIVE IN. I CAN IMAGINE
25 THIS IS THE STATE OF THE RACE THAT ROME HAD IN THE DAY OF



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1 ROME. AND THIS IS WHY ROME WAS DESTROYED FROM WITHIN AND NOT
2 FROM WITHOUT. I'M NOT HERE REPRESENTING DESTRUCTION OF THIS
3 COUNTRY, BUT THAT WE COME TOGETHER WITH THIS BOARD AND DO
4 SOMETHING ABOUT THESE CHILDREN. OVER 38,000 IN FOSTER CARE IN
5 THE STATE, IN THIS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ALONE. THAT'S NOT
6 COUNTING THE AMOUNT OF FOSTER CHILDREN NATIONWIDE. YOU HAVE
7 INDIRECTION THAT IS ENERGY OUT THERE. AND IT'S GOING TO BE A
8 TIME BOMB WORSE THAN ANYTHING YOU HAVE SEEN, WORSE THAN THE
9 DAYS OF MARTIN LUTHER KING WHEN HE DIED AND ALL THE TEENAGERS
10 ROSE UP TO DESTROY THIS COUNTRY, WORSE THAN ANYTHING THAT YOU
11 COULD EVER IMAGINE. SO I'M PLEADING TO YOU THAT SOMETHING BE
12 DONE ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THESE FOSTER CARE CHILDREN.
13 EVEN ANIMALS, WHEN YOU PUT THEM IN A GANG PARK, THEY FIGHT
14 AGAINST ONE ANOTHER BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE THE DIRECTION OF
15 THE CULTURE OF THEIR ELDERS. SO WE NEED SOMETHING TO BE DONE
16 ABOUT THIS FOSTER CARE SYSTEM AND THAT IF YOU PUT ATTORNEY
17 FINES IN JAIL FROM DOING THE RIGHT THING AND HE'S AN ATTORNEY
18 REPRESENTING MINORITY PEOPLE, THE PEOPLE ARE OUTRAGED. THEY'RE
19 LIKE, "WELL THIS IS WHAT THEY'RE DOING TO US." SO IN SPITE OF
20 THE FACT THAT WE HAVE A BLACK PRESIDENT, THAT IS NOT ENOUGH.
21 PEOPLE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING BETTER TO BE DONE IN OUR
22 SOCIETY SO THAT WE CAN LIVE BETTER AS HUMAN BEINGS AROUND THE
23 WORLD. YESTERDAY A REVOLT IN SCHOOLS BECAUSE OF FOSTER CARE,
24 TOMORROW REVOLTS IN THE STREETS. YOU DON'T WANT THAT. THE NEXT
25 REVOLT WILL END THIS WORLD AS WE KNOW IT.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH MUCH. SIR?

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4 **WALTER BECKTEL:** OH, OKAY. MY NAME IS WALTER CHARLES BECKTEL.
5 MY NAME IS WALTER CHARLES BECKTEL. I WANTED TO COME BACK IN
6 AND SAY SOMETHING. I WAS OVER AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE OVER
7 HERE YESTERDAY AND I NOTICED THAT THE PUBLIC INDEX COMPUTERS
8 ARE ALL REMOVED. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY HOW ARE YOU GOING TO
9 MAKE MONEY FROM THE COURTHOUSE IF PEOPLE CAN'T GET IN AND LOOK
10 AT THEIR CASE NUMBERS AND SEE WHAT THE CASES ARE, GETTING
11 INVOLVED IN CASES, ET CETERA. THERE ARE TWO COMPUTERS LEFT NOW
12 THAT YOU ONLY HAVE FIVE MINUTES TO LOOK AT. AND SOMETIMES THE
13 LINES GET VERY LONG OVER THERE. I DON'T KNOW WHOSE IDEA IT WAS
14 TO REMOVE THOSE. I THINK THAT'S A BAD IDEA. THERE ARE SEVERAL
15 COMPUTERS IN DIFFERENT LIBRARIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY YOU
16 COULD HAVE BORROWED THOSE. I DON'T SEE WHAT AN IN-HOUSE
17 COMPUTER SYSTEM WOULD COST YOU INDEXING YOUR OWN COURT CASES.
18 HOW IS THAT GOING TO BE MONEY OUT THE DOOR THERE? ACTUALLY
19 YOU'RE CUTTING YOUR OWN THROAT THERE. YOU'RE GOING TO BE
20 LOSING MONEY. ALSO, I WANTED TO MAKE FURTHER MENTION ABOUT, I
21 SAID SOMETHING LAST TIME HERE ABOUT MERCHANDISING TERRORISM. I
22 MENTIONED ABOUT SHOES AND PROBLEMS OF THE QUALITY CONTROL OF
23 SHOES. I THINK THAT'S STARTING TO GET AROUND NOW. OTHER PEOPLE
24 HAVE THE SAME PROBLEMS. IT'S NOT JUST WITH THE TOYS. WE HAD
25 PROBLEMS WITH THE TOYS FROM CHINA. BUT THERE'S OTHER PRODUCTS,



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1 TOO. I DON'T THINK ANYBODY NOTICED SHOES BECAUSE YOU PUT YOUR
2 FOOT IN THE SHOE AND NOBODY NOTICES. THEY DON'T WANT TO SHOW
3 THEIR FEET OFF. THERE ARE PROBLEMS WITH THE SHOES. BUT I THINK
4 THIS IS MORE THAN JUST SOMETHING FROM CHINA. I THINK THERE'S
5 THE WAY THE WHOLE ATTITUDE PEOPLE HAVE ABOUT FINDING-- PEOPLE
6 ARE TAKING INVENTORIES, FINDING OUT WHAT CUSTOMERS BUY AND
7 INSTEAD OF TRYING TO IMPROVE THE PRODUCT, THEY TRY TO
8 DEPRECATE THE PRODUCT, LOWER THE QUALITY, LOWER THE AMOUNT OF
9 THE PRICE OR IN MANY CASES I FIND IF A PRODUCT IS VERY
10 POPULAR, THEY REMOVE IT RIGHT FROM THE SHELF. THEY DON'T WANT
11 TO PUT IT UP FOR SALE ANY MORE. SO I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S
12 GOING ON HERE. THERE'S OTHER THINGS I WANT TO TALK ABOUT. I
13 BELIEVE THAT'S THE SOURCE, HOWEVER, OF THIS SALMONELLA
14 PROBLEM. SOME OF THE SNACK FOODS THAT ARE COOKED WITH-- THAT
15 HAVE PEANUT OIL IN THEM, I NOTICED, ARE CAUSING ME PROBLEMS.
16 AND I THINK THAT'S THE ROOT OF IT THERE. THIS ATTITUDE THAT
17 PEOPLE HAVE ABOUT THE WAY THEY SHOULD TREAT THEIR CUSTOMERS.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA" ALL RIGHT, SIR, THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT WE HAVE**
20 **NICOLE PARSON.**

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22 **>>NICOLE PARSON:** HI. THIS IS NICOLE PARSON. I'D LIKE TO
23 SUPPORT THE CROSS BOARD COLLABORATION OF INFORMATION
24 TECHNOLOGY WHICH I CALL IT TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS. AND I'M
25 WARRANTED ACTIONS IN HOW CROSS BOARD COLLABORATIONS ALL TIE IN



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1 TOGETHER. THERE'S THIS LIST HERE OF PUBLIC AGENCIES IN
2 ANTELOPE VALLEY HERE THAT I PUT TOGETHER JUST FOR SOME TYPE OF
3 CLASS COLLABORATION IN MY HEAD. UNWARRANTED WOULD BE SOMETHING
4 LIKE YOUR CAR'S TOWED OFF THE STREET BEFORE 72 HOURS. SEWER,
5 SEPTIC SERVICE IS DENIED TO A PERSON WHO FILLED OUT A PROPER
6 APPLICATION. AND UNWARRANTED BECAUSE SOME PEOPLE ARE
7 OSTRACIZED AND SOME PEOPLE ARE THOUGHT TO BE PSYCHOTIC. AND
8 IT'S OFTEN FOUND IN PEOPLE WHO ARE CREATIVE AND HAVE A
9 DIFFERENT WAY OF THINKING. AND THEN THE REASON WHY I SUPPORT
10 THE COLLABORATIONS IS BECAUSE, WELL, CRIME, I SAID BEFORE IF
11 YOU NEVER HEARD IT, BREEDS CRIME. BUT IN ALL THESE INSTANCES,
12 THERE WERE BUSINESSES. AND THEN I WANT TO SPEAK ABOUT
13 REINVESTMENT. REINVESTMENT INTO PEOPLE, YEAH, OR REINVESTMENTS
14 IN OUR TIME OFF, OUR MANDATORY TIMES OFF AND TAKING \$12,000
15 AND PUTTING IT INTO A PLAN, SOMETHING FOR OUR KIDS. BUT
16 REINVEST. AND TAKING IT UPON OURSELVES. AND ALL OF US HAVE A
17 JOB PROBABLY IN OUR HOME. HOW MUCH WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO
18 GIVE FOR TO GET THAT JOB DONE? SO WE HAVE TO REINVEST AND NOT
19 JUST COUNT ON HIGHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT OR SOCIETY. AND SO
20 WHEN A PERSON IS-- HAS A MUTUAL AGREEMENT, THEN, WELL, A
21 DESIGN, THEY OWN THE TECHNOLOGY AND TRADEMARK AND COPYRIGHTS
22 AND SOMETIMES THEY CAN SELL IT OUTRIGHT OR THAT'S ABOUT IT.
23 AND FOR JOBS AND EVERYTHING, LIKE WE HAVE TO PROLONG
24 TECHNOLOGIES AND WE'VE-- THERE'S FIVE TRANSFERS.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** DO YOU WANT TO SUMMARIZE YOUR COMMENTS?

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3 **NICOLE PARSON:** ON THE 16TH.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MISS PARSON. ALL RIGHT. NEXT
6 WE HAVE ARNOLD SACHS. MR. SACHS?

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8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. I WAS GOING
9 TO TALK ABOUT THIS WHEN YOU HAD THE BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY
10 HOSPITAL, BUT I DECIDED NOT TO. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU SAW THE
11 ARTICLE IN THE L.A. TIMES FROM THIS PAST SATURDAY THAT COUNTY
12 U.S.C. FINED FOR FUMES. AND YOU HAVE ADDRESSED THE PROBLEM.
13 BUT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE ARTICLE, AND I'M GOING TO QUOTE, I'M
14 GOING TO READ THIS PART, "THE ISSUE OF HELICOPTER FUMES IN
15 BUILDINGS WAS WIDESPREAD ENOUGH TO PROMPT A 2004 FEDERAL
16 AVIATION ADMINISTRATION ADMINISTRATIVE REMINDER. THESE ISSUES
17 SHOULD BE RESOLVED DURING FACILITY DESIGN, THE RECOMMENDATION
18 SAID." THAT'S 2004. WHAT HAPPENED ISN'T NECESSARILY A MISTAKE.
19 IT'S LIKE NEGLIGENCE. WHEN WILL THE NEGLIGENCE THAT OCCURRED
20 IN THE DESIGN OF COUNTY U.S.C. BE ADDRESSED? YOU ADDRESSED THE
21 PROBLEM WITH FILTERS. BUT THAT'S ABSOLUTE NEGLIGENCE. IF THE
22 F.A.A. SENDS OUT A REMINDER AND THE DESIGN IS EXACTLY OPPOSITE
23 OF WHAT THE REMINDER STATES, DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME. BUT
24 THAT'S JUST ME. I WISH SOMEBODY WOULD LOOK INTO THAT. THEN I
25 STILL WILL SPEND MY LAST MINUTE AND A HALF DISCUSSING YOUR



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1 PLAN AND YOUR PROGRAM AND TO HAVE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
2 COME UP HERE AND PLEAD FOR MORE MONEY REGARDING THE BACKLOG OF
3 RAPE CASES. BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY, THE ACTIONS THAT
4 BOTH BOARDS, THE COUNTY BOARD AND THE SITTING CITY COUNCIL,
5 HAVE TAKEN TO HAVE TESTIMONY, TO HAVE PEOPLE COME UP IN THE
6 CITY AND DECRY THE FACT THAT THERE'S A HUGE BACKLOG WHEN
7 NOBODY HAS ADDRESSED THE FACT THAT THE FEDERAL FUNDING THAT
8 WOULD HAVE MANDATED EXTENDING THE NUMBER OF CATEGORIES THAT
9 WOULD HAVE REQUIRED A D.N.A. SAMPLE DID NOT ALSO ADDRESS THE
10 FACT THAT YOU WOULD HAVE NEEDED ADDED MANPOWER. IF YOU HAD A
11 BACKLOG BEFORE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING TOOK PLACE, YOU
12 WOULD HAVE HAD AN ADDITIONAL BACKLOG BECAUSE YOU WOULD HAVE
13 HAD MORE CASES COMING IN. AND YOU JUST TOOK THE MONEY AND YOU
14 DID NOTHING WITH IT. YOU BOUGHT RAPE KIT CASES. WELL, I'M NOT
15 SAYING THAT TELEVISION TELLS EVERYTHING, BUT IF YOU WATCH
16 C.S.I., YOU WATCH ANY OF THESE PROGRAMS, BASICALLY A D.N.A.
17 KIT IS A SWAB WITH A PLASTIC ENVELOPE OR A TEST TUBE. YOU SWAP
18 THE PERSON, YOU PUT THE ITEM IN THE TEST TUBE AND YOU SEND IT
19 OFF TO PROCESSING. HOW MUCH DOES THAT COST IN FUNDING? YOU LET
20 THESE PEOPLE OUT ON THE LIMB. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
21 TIME, ANSWERS AND ATTENTION.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. WE ARE ADJOURNED AND WE ARE READY TO
24 GO INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
2 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
3 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. C.S.-1 AND C.S.-
4 2, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
5 LITIGATION, ITEM NO. C.S.-3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
6 REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE; ITEM
7 NO. C.S.-4, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING INITIATION
8 OF LEGAL ACTION, ONE CASE, AND ITEM C.S.-5 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
9 CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF POSITION OF
10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AS ON
11 THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1 REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON APRIL 7, 2009

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5 No reportable action was taken on items CS-1, CS-2, CS-3 or
6 CS-5.

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8 CS-4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

9 (Subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

10 Initiation of litigation (one case) (09-0552)

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12 ACTION TAKEN: The Board approved the initiation of litigation.

13 The names of the parties and the pleadings will be available
14 upon inquiry by any person after they have been filed by the
15 Court.

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17 The vote of the Board was unanimous with Supervisor Knabe
18 being absent.

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